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Riot police guard Iranian pilgrims

TEFIRAN (AFP) — Saudi riot police took up positions around the Iranian pilgrims camp at Mocca Saturday where a political raily is due to be held despite a Saudi ban, the official agency IRNA said. Three days ahead of Tuesday's planned anti-U.S. and anti-Iranel demonstrations, police were deployed on both sides of the entrance to the camp, while about 10 police cars and armoured vehicles were stationed in the agency said. It also charged that two cameras. while about 10 police cars and armoured vehicles were stationed in the streets opposite, the agency said. It also charged that two cameras, placed on the roofs of two tall buildings across the street, were filming all movements to and from the camp around the clock. Saudi authorities warned last week that they would not allow Iranian pilgrims to carry out their demonstrations. The warning came after the head of the Iranian pilgrims delegation, Mohammad Mohammad Reyshahri, said taking part in the demonstration was an Islamic duty. Similar demonstrations have triggered clashes with Saudi police in the past, the most violent being in 1987, when 400 pilgrims, including 275 Iranians, were killed. Diplomatic ties between the two countries were broken off for three years afterwards. broken off for three years afterwards.



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Hizboliah denies Israeli raid on its posts

MARIAYOUN (R) - Witnesses in this southern Lebanese town said Israeli planes attacked guerrilla posi-oons in South Lebanon on Saturday but guerrillas denied an attack took place. Israel also denied the report. The witnesses said they saw planes raiding the Iqlim Al Toufah ridge held by Hizbollah guerrillas who frequently attack graeli troops and their militia affies in a border occupation zone. Marjayoun is held by the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA). However, Lebanese security sources in Sidon, South Lebanon's main city, said they had no report of any Israell air raid and a Hizbollah spokesman denied a raid took place.

Patrol stops Jews slipping into synagogue

JERICHO, occupied West Bank (AFP) - A joint Palestinian-Israeli patrol stopped extremists from the banned racist Kach movement from praying in Jericho's synagogue overnight, Israeli military sources said Saturday. The Kach members tried to slip into the Shalom Al Israel synagogue under cover of darkness across fields around the building. But the joint patrol, which included Palestiniao police who only took up their new duties on Friday, discovered the ploy and stopped the group outside the synagogue. The group then obeyed the patrol's orders to leave. It was the second time that Israelis had Eried to get into the synagogue since the army withdrew from Jericho on Friday transferring powers to the Palestinians. Jewish settlers from Ofra, north of the town, have also

4 dead in German hotel blaze

GOSLAR, Germany (R) Four people are believed to have died when fire destroyed a small hotel in Lautenthal, near Goettingen, police said on Saturday. Two of the dead were German men. Two members of the family that owned the botel - a German woman and child - were missing and presumed dead. Police said some foreign guests had been staying at the botel which housed a total of 19 people. Police said the cause of the blaze was unclear but that there was no indication of a racist or neo-Nazi attack. Police originally thought foreign asylum seckers had been accommodated in the hotel. Up to 30 people have died in a wave of neo-Nazi and other witht-wing attacks that swept Germany after unification in 1990. Much of the violence has involved arson attacks on refogee hostels or foreigners'

Pope due to leave hospital next week

ROME (AFP) - Pope John Paul II is now walking on crutches and should be able to leave hospital at the end of next week after breaking his right thigh on May 5, a Vatican spokesman said Saturday. "At that time, be should be down to one crutch," the spokesman said. No decision has yet been made on whether the Pope will recuperate at the Vatican or his nearly summer residence, Castel Gandolfo.

12 airlifted from sinking vessel

DOVER (R) - A British coastguard helicopter airlifted to safety on Saturday 11 of the 21 crew of a container ship sinking slowly in the English Channel after a coli on with a cargo vessel, oft als said. Tony Griffiths, a okesman for the coastguard in the Channel port of Dover, sai. another whelicopter was oo its w. y to the scene of the accident to rescue the remaining 10 crew members from the 30,000-tonne Ming Fortune. Mr. Griffiths said the other vessel involved in the collision about 20 miles southeast of Beachy Head, near Eastbourne, was the 7.099-tonne refrigerated cargo ship Ariake Reefer.

Eased bridge rules based on right of return — Hammad

Administrative and technical details of new election law are complete

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN - Jordan's decision to ease travel arrangements across the King Hussein Bridge was taken after the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel agreed to allow Palestinians who were

residing in the territories on June 4, 1967, a day before the six-day war broke out, to return gradually to the territories under Palestinian jurisdiction, Interior Minister Salameh Hammad said Samrday.
"Our policy in Jordan has always been that we are com-

mitted to the Palestinians' right of return," Mr. Hammad told a group of Jordanian journalists, adding that wheo the Kingdom was assured of this right, "we simplified the crossing procedures at the bridge while still maintaining our commitment to that right."

"Our principle of countering Israeli attempts to empty the territories of Palestinian. citizens was finished with this signature (by the PLO and



Israel)," be added. Mr. Hammad said that initial statistics showed that movement across the hridge had already indicated a decrease in the oumber, hy almost half, of Palestinians who cross the bridge into Jordan, an indication which he interpreted to mean that the

measures did not backfire as was feared by some Jorda-

Conceding that the PLO-Israel agreement will have to be implemented in stages and after tough negodations between Israel and the PLO, and that Jordan cannot merely rely on Israeli good intendons, Mr. Hammad stressed that the "principle of return is there."

'The preliminary indications, until now, is that these measures have contributed to increase the return of Palestinians to the occupied territories and not the other way around," Mr. Hammad said.

Some Jordanian politicians and analysts have warned that facilitating the crossing into Jordan from the West Bank may encourage Palesonians living under occupation to flee to the Kingdom where they may later lose their right to return to their bomeland.

The minister was careful to point out that these regulations will continue to be "apdated

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Israel ready for talks on extending self-rule—Peres

Combined agency dispatches

ISRAELI Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Saturday it was time for Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to push ahead with negotiations on extending Palestinian self-rule, following its launch in Jericho and Gaza.

"We must continue the negotiations without waiting, not only on extending autonoury to other parcels of the territories, as we will do in Washington, but also to negotiate the bandover" of civilian powers, be told Israeli Radio.

"It would be wrong to believe that we can be in charge of the existence of the Palestinians in Nahlus, Hebron and Ramallah," he said.

Mr. Peres referred to educaoon, bealth, welfare and taxes. On Friday, as Palesonian policemen tonk over Jericho, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said Israel could withdraw totally from the West

Bank within five years.

As for Jericho itself, Mr. Peres said he was "very happy

that our heart has been unburdened of this weight." When I hear the relief of

our soldiers who were sent to serve as targets for young stone-throwers, I tell myself: Our soldiers have been hrave, but, thank God, it's over," he

The foreign minister, adding bis voice to scepticism already expressed in Damascus, said be doubted U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's shuttle mission to Syria and Israel, starting on Sunday, could produce a breakthrough. "For the time being, Syria's

proposals do not give us much hope," he said. Mr. Beilin, meanwhile, told the U.S. television network CNN: "I think the American mediation is vital. We will be

ahle to see peace between us and Syria within months" (see page 2 and 10).
In Jericho in tearful reunions on Saturday ending more than 20 years of separation, mothers welcomed home their sons members of the Palestinian

police force. Noisy parades and celebrations enveloped the 700-strong force as it patroled Jericho on the first full day of Palestinian self-rule after nearly three decades of Israeli occupation.

But the joy was tempered by the funeral for a Palestinian boy killed accidentally on Friday by his brother who was playing with a PLO policeman's gun.

In an investigation by the self-rule authorities, the officer who owned the gun was being questioned and would be punished for negligeace if found guilty, said Mohammad Shaker, in charge of public relations.

As the euphoria which greeted the transfer of power a day earlier eased, Jericho residents mingled with the police-

Small groups of people crowded around to exchange stories at police posts, and cars driving in from the rest of the West Bank stopped to shake hands with forces at an informal checkpoint "I have not seen my mother,

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PLO names 3 more to self-rule authority; Ashrawi declines offer

Liberation Organisation (PLO) nominated three more people to the new Palestinian authority in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho, a senior PLO official said oo Saturday.

They are PLO Executive Committee member Yasser Abed-Rabbo, negotiator Sari Nusseibeh, and banker Mnnih Al Masri.

The PLO's Samir Ghoshe said the number of nominees to the authority to run territories given limited self-rule was now 18.

But one of them, the former spokeswoman of Palestinian peace negotiators, Hanan Ashrawi, told Reuters in occupied Jerusalem on Saturday she had turned her appointment

"My response to the appointment is I have a priority in my work to the Palestinian Independent Commission

for Citizens' Rights to which I was elected recently as commissioner ... so I did not accept it," Dr. Ashrawi said.

Dr. Ashrawi resigned as spokeswoman of the Palestiman delegation in December, 1993, and aonounced she would dedicate herself to the human rights watchdog group to monitor PLO selfgovernment.

Dr. Ashrawi said she was informed of her appointment by Faisal Husseini, a senior PLO figure in the West Bank. She said she appreciated the confidence of the PLO leadership in her and apologised

for the rejection. The PLO nominated 15 people, including Dr. Ashrawi, on Thursday to run the new Palestinian authority in Gaza

and Jericho. Senior PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath, who announced the names, was asked if all the nomioces had agreed, and

said: "None of these names is nominated without being fully negonated first."

Difficuldes in naming a full slate of 24 members for the Palesonian Nacional Authority are the latest snag in the muchdelayed self-rule plan agreed last September.

Of the appointments announced on Saturday, Dr. Masri is a member of a promioent nationalist family from the West Bank town of Nablus.

"His nomination is likely to give more confidence to businessmen and investors," a PLO official said. Sari Nusseibeh, 44, a lectur-

er at Bir Zeit University, is first deputy to the director general of the Palesonian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR), the body formed to channel foreign aid to the West Bank and Gaza Strip.



the Galilee region (Petra photo)

King pays tribute to Jordan's historic relations with Druze

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Saturday received at the Royal Court a delegation representing the Druze of the Galilee region in occupied Palestine who offered their condolences to the King over the death of Queen Zein Al Sharaf, the Queen Mother.

King Hussein thanked the delegadon for their expressions of sympathy, saying these feelings expressed on this sad occasion reflect the strong historic ties between Jordan and the Druze sect since the time of the Great Arab Revolt

"We also remember what we inherited from our fathers and forefathers, companions of a common march, in supporting the Great Arab Revolt and we remember the strong relations between them, of which some aspects were manifested when Jabal Al Arab was a connection between the freedom fighters of Bilad Al Sham (Greater Syria) and the nation and when Sharif Hussein Ben Ali raised the banner of the Great Arab Revolt," King Hussein said.

"It was also depicted in this Jordanian homeland when its first government included Arabs representing the nation, and when its first prime minister was one of the fighters of the revolt, Rashid Talee', (a member of the druze sect),

the King said.
In addition, King Hussein said, "I remember in my youth Sultan Basha (another Druze leader) and stories about his moving to this part of the great bomeland and 1 remember meeting him in the beginning of my assumption of my re-sponsibilities."

The King said that he prides tions and in the one Jordanian family, keeping in mind the sacrifices of the fathers and the grandfathers for freedom, a better life and development in

prest homeland. "As a Hashemite, I remember that I inherited from my fathers and grandfathers the bonour of struggling for Palestine and its people and their legitimate rights oo their national soil." These were the features of

the march and still are, and we presented what we could and supported as much as we could and we will continue to work

for the future, a future when just, lasting and comprehen-sive peace will prevail, a peace that future generations thereafter would accept and protect, to offer everyone chances for a kind life in which people can give, not only to themselves, but also to the whole world."

The King said: "Our links with Jerusalem will always remain for sure, and our deter-mination will always be strong so that Jerusalem will become. God willing, detached from politics and the attempts of domination by any party what-ever... a meeting place of the faithful in God, and so that the holy places of all monotheistic religions will be maintained and protected.

The King expressed hope that this region which had affected the human civilisation tremendously will become a beacon for all.

He said Jordan's links with Palestine bad been always stressed and will continue to be

The Palestinians, he said, have embarked on the path of peace and voiced hope that

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Yemenis fight on; mediation uncertain; Somalis killed

Combined agency dispatches

TROOPS LOYAL to Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh have captured the key town of Daleh, north of Aden, after several days of fierce fighting, reports said Saturday.

Local and foreign journalists taken to Daleh, which bes 90 kilometres from the southern stronghold of Aden, confirmed it was held by northern troops.
As the fighting continued,

an Arab League team waited in Sanaa to meet northern Yemeni leaders who have shown marked reluctance to accept a ceasefire. "We're still trying to arrange

things," a member of the delegation told Reuters in the Yemeni capital where they were kept waiting in their hotel on Saturday.
The team, led by Assistant

Secretary-General Mohammad Said Al Beregdar, arrived to Sanaa from Saudi Arabia on Friday, travelling by road because the northern city's airport has been the target of southern air attacks since war broke out on May 4. But the team has yet to meet

President Saleh, a northerner whose men have been fighting all-out against southern troops led by Vice-President Ali Salem Beidh since then. An Arab League spokesman

in Cairo said the missioo in Sanaa was waiting for an appointment with Saleh on

only end with the surrender of the southern leaders whom he accuses of rebellion against his legitimate authority as the president of all Yemen. But Sanaa agreed to let the

Mr. Saleh insists the war will

team come under heavy pressure from fellow Arabs who want to see an end to the bloodletting.

The sonth offered eight proposals on Friday for a negotiated end to the war. But east of Aden. northern leaders rejected them

as containing nothing new. Refugees said meanwhile hundreds of destitute Somali refugees were killed when their camp on the southern Yemeni coast was caught in crossfire between the two sides in the civil war.

Dogs are eating the bodies of our dead and we are unable to bury them," Bashir Ahmad, 26 and a graduate in medicine from Mogadishn University, told Reuters. Refugees clustered on a san-

dy patch of ground a few kilometres from the Al Koud camp northeast of Aden swarmed towards visiting reporters to tell of 400 to 450 people who were killed on the first day of the war on May 4. Northern army officers stationed nearby put the dead at

"We were caught in crossfire from two sides. We cannot say who started the firing," Haj Gamma Ali Yousef, in his 50s, told seven foreign reporters who approached the camp in a northern army jeep.

"For God's sake save us from this hell," Mr. Yousef pleaded, saying he had lost seven members of his family including his wife. "The remaining five mem-

bers of my family are missing sioce the attack and I know nothing about their fate," be

Mr. Ahmad said the dead had been lying in the open for a week, and every time the refugees tried to approach the camp to hury the bodies, they came under fire from southern warships at sea.

The Somalis also said more than 600 people were wounded among the 10,000 residents of

southern Yemeni coast near Zingibar, 50 kilometres north-

They had been there since escaping civil war in their own country in the summer of 1992, fleeing across the Red Cross in boats packed with people.

Reporters were warned not to enter the camp because of the danger. But a few families were still living there and damage to its single-storey build-ings was visible. Holed walls and collapsed ceilings could be clearly seen one kilometre

away.
Fighting was reported to be going on south of the strategic town as northern troops continued their push towards

Northern officials, who said Friday they had captured Daleb, said Saturday they had seized the town of Al Musaymir, further sonth and only 30 kilometres (18 miles) from the southern air base at Al Anad

Independent sources said fighting was going on close to Al Musaymir Saturday with tank and artillery reinforcements deployed in the area to bolster the north's forces.

Southern forces were trying to repel the advance by launching air raids on oorthern positions, the sources in Aden With the loss of Daleh, the

south stepped up efforts to end the fighting calling Saturday for the Arab League to intervene in the 10-day-old war, Aden Radio said.

Late Friday northern leaders rejected the peace plan put forward by the southern Yemen Socialist Party as "nothing

Aden Radio said the Council

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Delegation heads for donors' meeting in Paris

Price: Jordan 150 Fils

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A high-level Jordanian delegation headed for Paris on Saturday to attend a World Bankorganised meeting of donors which is expected to come up with assistance to help the Kingdom's deficit in the balance of payments for 1994

The delegation, headed hy Planning Minister Ziad Fariz, will also initiate overdue moves to reschedule the Kingdom's dehts to the Paris Club of creditor govern-

The way was cleared for the moves when the Upper House of Parliament on Sunday endorsed the controversial sales tax law (see page 3). A Royal Decree is expected to be issued soon enacting the law, a precondition for a green light from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for Jordan to open debt rescheduling talks with its exter-

nal creditors. In departure comments to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Dr. Fariz said the Paris donors' conference "will define the amounts of assistance and loans to be extended to Jordan during 1994 and

The fiscal budget for 1994 envisages a pre-financing deficit of JD300 million, repre-

senting the Kingdom's cost of servicing its foreign debts. The amount is not formally included in the nearly JD1.5 billion budget, which, with already external committeed assistance of nearly JD160 million, is described by the government as deficit-free in terms of local revenues (plus the committed assistance) and expenditures (less the cost of foreign debt servic-

ing). The Paris conference of donors is expected to make up for the shortfall represented by the cost of deht servicing through assistance and also assess Jordan's financing needs for fiscal 1995 (all the donors involved are also the Kingdom's creditors).

A similar meeting in Paris last year came up with \$380 million in resistance to Jordan to help the Kingdom adjust its balance of payments for fiscal

The meeting is organised by the World Bank, which, in coordination with the IMF, is supervising Jordan's economic restructuring programme prescribed by the IMF. The aid would not have been

possible without introducing

sales tax, which is part of the IMF programme, the delay in introducing the levy delayed Jordan's deht-rescheduling negotiations with the Paris Club which were due to have been held in June last year. The Paris Club, however, agreed to freeze payments that fall due after June 30 until Jordan could launch reschedul-

ing negotiations after introduc-

ing the law and securing an

IMF certification that it is abiding by the economic restructuring programme. This saved the Kingdom \$250 million. With the enacment of the sales tax law, which replaces a consumption tax law m force since 1992, the Kingdom could launch negotiations on its debt repayments due between June

be negotiated is around \$750 Officials have indicated that Jordan might seek to extend the period covered under the negotiation to mid-1995.

30, 1993 and December 31,

1994. The amount expected to

The delegation accompanying Dr. Fariz includes Finance Minister Sami Gammoh, Centrai Bank of Jordan Governor Mohammad Saed Nabulsi and Jordan's Ambassador to France Mu'tassem Bilbeisi as well as several key planning and finance ministry officials.

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Kuwaitis seek to clean up their human rights image

KUWAIT (AP) — A par-hamentary delegation flew to Washington Friday on a campaign to clean up Kuwait's image following widespread accusations of human rights violations.

The team, led by Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Saadoun, comprised nine other members of the 50-seat legislature and more than 40 advisers, including pulitical scientists and

lawyers.
They were travelling via London and were expected to arrive in Washington on Sun-

Knwait has been under fire for human rights abuses since its liberation from a seven-

month Iraqi occupatinn three years ago. Human rights organisations had sharply criticised the trial of alleged Iraqi collaborators, many of whom were sentenced to death. Under pressure, the

government commuted their sentences to life imprisonment. Asian workers, imported by thousands for menial jobs that Knwaitis refuse to do, regularly complain about physical abuse and breach of the contracts by employers, including

suspensinn of payments. Government and parliament officials contend these are isolated incidents being used to feed a campaign against the emirate.

"There has been a lot of sterentyping and Kuwait bashing... we want to set the record straight," Abdullah Al Shayeji, a political science professor and adviser to the parliament, said of the trip to

"We are well prepared," he told the Associated Press on the eve of his departure with the team. "We have the answers ready for 99 per cent of the questions that could be asked.

He said they would meet with Senators, Congressmen, the media and others.

About 300,000 labourers, mainly Asians, work in Kuwait, an oil rich country with a 1.8 million_population. A Philippines embassy offi-

cial said this week that 276 maids were taking shelter at the embassy. Insisting on women's complaints ranged from not being paid to physical abuse that included incidents

A honsewife, whose

nationality has heen con-cealed, is under investigation for killing her Sri Lankan maid. The employee was hit with a sharp object on the head and left to hieed to death, according to official state-

A group of Bangladeshi workers complained in a letter recently published by a weekly newspaper that they had not received their salaries for eight

"We are hungry... and our families may starve," said the letter published by the liberal

opposition weekly Al Talia.

Moved hy the appeal,
Ahmad Al Baghdadi, a political science professor, wrote in the same paper: "Parliament wants to prove that Kuwait's image is clean and not marred as portrayed by the American press as if the Americans don't know what is really happening

He told the team travelling to Washington: "If you are asked how much you pay your maids, say 100 dinars (\$350), because if you admit it's 30 dinars (\$100) you might be arrested for slavery."

Salaries of domestic helpers average \$100 to \$200 a month. Kuwait also has been criticised for failing to settle the decades-old problem of about 100.000 stateless Arahs, known as bedouns. Most of the bedouns were born in Kuwait hut have heen denied

citizenship,

"How will you justify to Americans that the bedowns and their families are not allowed to work or to receive free education or medical treatment?" Mr. Baghdadi asked the parliamentarians in his article. "There is no such thing in America as stateless. Wake up from your sleep."
Kuwait's labour union has

recently taken an interest in the plight of foreign workers. "The labour law is weak and

full of loopholes that protect employers, it assumes that the employers are honest," said Mershed Al Wasmi, the head of the union's office of foreign

Mr. Wasmi's office has received 50 complaints, some involving more than a thousand workers at a time since it opened early last year.



DEMAND FOR RELEASE: Palestinians from dissident factions hold pictures of killed Palestinians during a rally of Hamas and

other Palestinian groups opposed to the Israel-PLO self-rule agreement for Gaza and Jericho, in Gaza City. Gaza will be under Palestinian control mid next week (AFP photo)

Beilin: Syria could soon make peace

NICOSIA (AFP) - Arch enemies Israel and Syria could make peace within the coming months, Israeli Deputy Fore-ign Minister Yossi Beilin predicted Friday.

Mr. Beilin, speaking during an interview with CNN monitored in Cyprus, said the "Syrians are the key to the continuation of the peace prob-lem. Without them there is no comprehensive peace."
He was talking ahead of a

visit by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, due in Damascus on Sunday on his second peace shuttle within a month.

Syrian President Hafez Al Assad "prefers to negotiate with us either in Washington or via the Americans in a kind of shnttle diplomacy," Mr. Beilin. said, adding that Israel should accept that.

think American mediation is vital. We will be able to see peace between us and Syria within months."

Syria has rejected recent calls by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to hold secret talks, along the lines of the Oslo negotiations which evenperiod," he said. tually led to the antonomy accord for the Gaza Strip and

West Bank town of Jericho. Talks between Syria and Israel have broken down over the issue of the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, seized from Syria in the 1967 Middle

Syria warned earlier Friday it still insisted on a total Israeh withdrawal from the strategic heights and was sceptical about Mr. Christopher's visit.

A Syrian official in Damascus, asking not to be named. said that Israel had "minimised the U.S. role by reducing it to a mere postman delivering the Israeli point of view without any amendment."

The Israelis, during Christopher's last shuttle between Israel and Syria earlier in May, had proposed "secur-

ity arrangements hefore a peace treaty, then a phased withdrawal over a long

But any peace deal with Israel depended on a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights, which the Jewish state "annexed" in 1981. "Any settlement not based

on the central issue of land is useless," the official in Damasces said. Mr. Beilin said Israel could

withdraw totally from the occupied West Bank within five years.

He said discussions still had to be held with the Palestine Liberation Organisation over the coming years to solve the issue under the terms of the declaration of principles signed in Washington in September.

"But the permanent solution ented on May 4. 1999. That is the agreement between us," Mr Beilin added.

Turkey says Russia is prejudging new rules

ANKARA (R) - Turkey on Friday defended new regulations governing the passage of ships through the Bosphorus Straits and dismissed a Russian charge that they contravene an international convention agreed at Montreux in 1936. The Russian Federation...

said... attempts were being made to one-sidedly change the Bosphorus regime, and that security of traffic in the Turkish straits is an issue to be resolved at an international level," a Turkish foreign ministry statement said of a diplomatic note it received this month from Kussia.

"We do not accept the view that the regulations clash with the Montreux agreement and that they can be implemented at will." the ministry said. Under the new regulations,

which will take effect from July 1, ships carrying oil and dangerous cargo will have to give 24 hours notice before sailing through the narrow straits, which link the Mediterranean with the Black

Nuclear-powered ships and vessels carrying nuclear waste will have to gain permission. New visibility rules will apply to ships more than 150 metres inng.

After a tanker collision in the Bosphorus on March 13 that killed about 30 sailors, Turkey has called for a review of the Montreux convention because of environmental concerns and changes in the size and tonnage of ships.

The number of ships navigating the Bosphorus has risen from a few each month at the time Mnntreux was drawn np. to about 60 much larger vessels every day in 1992.

"It is Turkey's most natural right to make the necessary regulations to ensure the security of sea traffic and protect the environment," the statement siad, maintaining it had legal rights to adjust regulations for reasons of security.

Afghan president's foes poised to take north town

PUL-E-KHUMRI, Afghanistan (R) — Commanders of forces fighting Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabhani said on Friday they were ready to take the strategic northern town of Doshi.

The commanders, loyal to Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar and northern warlord General Abdul Rashid Dostum, also said they were confident they would soon push Mr. Rabbani's forces back south along the main road leading to the capital Kabul.

Pro-Rahbani forces holding
Doshi on the main road in Baghlan province are now sur-

rounded, the commanders told Reuters. "I have positioned my men all along hilltops above Doshi and am ready to take the town," Provincial Governor General Saeed Jaffer Naderi said. He was speaking from a position on a mountain high

above Doshi. Tanks and men sending radio messages could be seen on Durumhak Mountain, the

highest in the province. Mr. Naderi said he now had troops to the north and south of Doshi, the scene of heavy fighting on the northern front-

line in past weeks. The town lies between the Salang Pass and Pul-e-Khumri, the main city on the road from Kabul to Maza-e-Sharif, Gen. Dostum's stronghold in northern Afghanistan, Outside of Kahnl, Pul-e-

Khumri has been the major point of tension between the two sides in factional fighting which crupted on Jan. 1. Mr. Rabbani's forces are eager to take the city to advance to areas in the north. Mr. Naderi said jets control-led by Mr. Rabbani had killed

about 50 civilians and injured about 200 in numerous bombing raids on the city during the past three months. On Friday, Pul-e-Khumri appeared calm with many peo-

ple going about their husiness. Gen. Majid Rouzi, Mr. Naderi's joint commander of the anti-Rabbani forces in Baghlan, denied claims earlier this week by Mr. Rabbani's forces that they had captured

Baghlan city.
The old city of Baghlan is now completely under the control of onr forces," he said. He said Mr. Rabbani's forces had held the city only for a few hours earlier this week.

In Kabul, opposing forces began firing at each other with artillery and machine-guns late on Friday afternoon, witnesses

There was no immediate information about casualties. Militias controlled by Mr. Hekmatyar and Gen. Dostum also fired rockets on some residen tial areas in Kabul on Friday hut there were no casualties official Kabul Radio said.

77 casualties in shelling

Some 77 civilian casualties were reported by hospital staff here Saturday after nearly two hours of heavy weapons fire traded by rival Afghan fac-

According to a Defence Ministry official, there was no infantry offensive during the bombardment late Friday.

However, pro-Rahhani troops on the frontline in the old city based close to Gen. Dostum's Bala Hissar fortress said they came under strong attack by Uzbek frontline

These particular pro-Rabbani troops, stationed in the otherwise deserted ruins of Shor Bazaar received the brunt of rival faction military pressure because close quarters fighting is a daily occurrence here even when it is quiet elsewhere on the frontlines.

An artillery shell hit a large government building housing indicial and some other offices of Kabul province, wounding a visiting army captain and a guard. Two members of a family were wounded by a rocket that landed in the north of Kabul.

Of the casualties on Friday, fonr were wonnded when planes controlled by Gen. Dostum bombed the pro-Rabbani Qargha base west of Kabul.

U.S. mum on report of Iran arms to Bosnia

United States Friday refused to confirm or deny a report that Iran shipped explosives and other weapons material to Bonsian Muslims in violation of a U.N. arms embargo.

"Since any information on this issue would come through intelligence sources, I can't, of course, confirm or deny the reports," State Department spokesman David Johnson told reporters, referring to a story in Friday's Washington Post.

This was quite a different approach from Sept. 10, 1992 when the United States alerted Croatia to an Iranian plane found to be carrying arms to Bosnia and officials openly spoke about the fact.

The Washington Post reported from Sarajevo in Friday's editions that an Iranian air force transport plane loaded with at least 60 tonnes of explosives and other raw materials for weapons production, landed in Zagreh last week as part of a deal between Croatia and Bosnia to renew military cooperation against the Serbs.

The newspaper quoted Western and Bosnian sources. An Iranian diplomat, Mohsen Rashidouleslami, denied the report as did the Croatian government. Mr. Rashidouleslami said the plane carried 80 tonnes of food.

Mr. Johnson refused to answer any questinns about the

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ledge of the shipment or whether it would seek to reprimand either Iran or the Bosnian Muslims for violating the U.N. arms embargo. He did stress, however, that "it's the policy of the United

United States had prior know-

States to respect the U.N. arms embargo on the nations that formerly comprised Yugoslavia, and although we do favour. lifting the embargo on Bosnia, we continue to believe serious risks are involved in lifting it unilaterally." "We believe it's important

that U.N. Security Council resolutions be fully observed," he added.

In the past, the Clinton administration has supported lifting the embargo. But recently, as international attention has focused in-

creasingly on trying to get a negotiated peace settlement in Bosnia, the administration has been disinclined to challen allies like Britain and France who oppose lifting the embargo and argue it would fan the fighting.

The U.S. Senate, reflecting

U.S. ambivalence on Bosnia Thursday issued contradictory directives on the war. In one vote, senators directed Mr. Clinton to seek allied support for lifting the embargo. In a second vote, they directed him to act unilaterally and immediately lift the weapons ban.

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U.S. human rights caucus decries religious intolerance in Iran By M. C. Jaspersen 'Well, we can't do very much Dr. Darahi said her sister What is most incongruous, Christian ministers, whom he Dr. Kazemzadeh revealed, is said "cannot speak publicly ab-

WASHINGTON — A congressional group is calling attention to what it calls abuses of human rights by the government of Iran, and urging people everywhere to protest Tehran's actions. "Intolerance is rife in the

world. But here is a place where it is institutionalised... where it is the official policy of the government to repress religions other than the official one of the government," John Edward Porter, co-chairman of the House Congressional Human Rights Caucus, told reporters at a May 12 hriefing Mr. Porter charged that it is

"routine" for the Iranian government to torture, kill and deprive citizens of their rights "solely because of their religinus beliefs." Iran, with a population of

over 50 million, "has institutionalised religious suppressinn and intolerance to a level seen perhaps nuwhere else on earth," he added, urging protesters to "redonhie our

"Sometimes we may think,

about his." Mr. Porter noted. "Well, belive me, we can: We can keep the focus of the world on what is happening in Iran. We can tell people what is happening to the Iranian people at the hands of their own government... inform policymakers not only here in Congress, but all across the world. bring pressure upon that government, and change what they do, eventually," Mr. Por-

ter insisted. "I believe very strongly that everything we do to advance a cause like this one, and to change what is happening to people eventually will work and change the conditions under which they live," he

Dr. Firuz Kazemzadeh, the American Baha'i community's principal spokesman on internatinnal issues, explained that the persecution of the people of the Baha'i faith in Iran "is not news." Rather, he said, it has been going on for 150 years, with religious leaders uniting with the former Shah's military, and eventually the revolutionary government, in

an attempt to eliminate them.

that the Bahai' followers want "simply to be left alone." Baha'is are deprived of coastitutional rights, and the practice of their faith is banned by the government, he said. They are accused of being "instruments of Zionism" in Iran's theocracy, have been declared "unprotected infidels" by the government, and are constantly subjected to pursuit and persecution.

Dr. Kazemazdeh reminded the group that the House of Representatives passed on April 18 a non-binding measure which condemned the repressive, anti-Baha'i policy of the Iranian government, but argued that a continued outcry against oppression in Iran must be raised if any progress is to be made against human rights

Andrew Yeghnazar, director of development for ELAM, a charitable trust based in the United Kingdom which conducts relief and development programmes for Kurdish and Christian communities in Iran, spoke at the hriefing for out conditions they face because they fear persecution." He noted that even the printing of Bibles, construction of churches and establishment

of Christian social programmes are controlled by the Iranian government, and that acts against religions other than Islam are growing. "I fear that there is a need for a state of urgency, and that

it is high time that we actively responded to situations, rather than simply confabulate," Mr. Yeghnazar said. He called Iran a "major threat" to the West and the U.S. in particular after the breakup of the Soviet Union and Iraq's defeat in the Gulf war.

Dr. Parvin Darabi, fonnder of the Dr. Hnma Darahi Foundation, an nrganisation that also monitors religinus persecution of women and children in Iran, explained that her foundation came about because of the persecution her sister endured, an Iranian psychiatrist and naturalised U.S. citizen who counselled women and children in Iran.

suffered "tremendons persecution and harassment by religions extremists" in Iran, and that when a 16-year-old girl was murdered for simply wearing lipstick, the psychiatrist finally snapped, setting herself ablaze in a public square and while dying, cried "Down with oppression! Long live liberty." Dr. Darabi outlined a litany

of abuses which she said are rontine in Iran, including burying up to their necks and stoning to death of married accused of adultery. Explaining that only women can be accused of adultery,

whereas men may be with as many women as they wish, Dr. Darabi noted that a woman bas no rights to act or think autonomously, has no right in her body nor her children, nor have her children any rights under the Iranian laws. Now, Dr. Darabi concluded,

"We are working together" at the Hnma Darabi Foundatinn "to ask for separation of the 'church' and the state" in the bope that this will benefit women and children in the society — USIA.

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BRIEFING: Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Saturday received Mrs. Lee Kwan Yew, wife of the Singaporean prime minister, at the Queen Alia Fund for Social Development (QAF) offices. Mrs. Lee, who was accompanied by her daughter, Lee Wei Ling, was briefed on QAF's development projects in Jordan. Mrs. Lee was interested

in matters related to women's activities in politics, health care and other fields. She also beard a briefing on the activities of the Jordanian National Committee for Women (JNCW) and the national plan for women that is expected to be incorporated in the country's national development plans (Pet-

Dentists elect new president

Sa'id Abu Mayzer says he will focus on new dentists

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Sa'id Ahu Mayzer elinched the presidency otle Friday after winning the Jordan Deotists Association (JDA) elections with a wide margin againsttwo other opponents.

Dr. Abu Mayzer earned 368 of the 710 votes cast by JDA members defeating candidates Ahmad Rashdan, who came io second with 196 votes, and Huda Fakhoury. with 146 votes.

The votes I received represent the majority and they were a result of support from all trends within the union. Dr. Abu Mayzer told the Jordan Times following the official announcement of the

 results. Dr. Abu Mayzer said a

priority of his two-year term is to open the door for all members to serve effectively and benefit from the goals and objectives his campaign

sought before the elections. According to Dr. Ahu Mayzer, who started his dental career in 1978 at the Ministry of Health for one year before moving to the private sector, new doctors in practice will be given priority io his agenda.

"Since newcomers represent the majority in the union, I am going to focus on furnishing them with their oeeds and listening to their suggestions and problems,"

Other top priorities include amending some of the JDA's rules and legislations in order to absorb the increasing numbers of doctors, increase the level of the profession and the association, and improve relations with official author-

Dr. Abu Mayzer, a father of three, said be is going to devote his time to serving the

"I know it will take some of my time, but it doesn't matter because it is worth working for the public sec-

Dr. Abu Mayzer will be

assisted by bis own bloc party which won a majority of the seats on the JDA board. The oew board comprises

Haytham Naji (400), George Haddad (370), Azem Qadonmi (356), Aomran Kabed (346), Hussein Laffy (347), Issam Zareini (332), Hisham Karadsheh (315) and Ala Thaber (independent) (353) .votes.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Majali meets Singaporean leader

AMMAN (J.T.) - Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali Saturday met with visiting Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kwan Yew. The two premiers reviewed bilateral relations and progress in the Middle East peace process. Discussions also covered scopes of cooperation between the two countries in several fields. Deputy premier Saced Tell, Information Minister Jawad Anani, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Al Hassan and Minister of State Fawaz Abul Ghanam were present at the meeoing (Petra photo)

Jordan, Syria to start economic talks

AMMAN (Petra) — The joint Jordanian-Syrian Economic Committee convenes here Sunday to discuss ways to promote their cooperation in trade and economic affairs. Syrian Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade Mohammad Imadi arrived in Amman Saturday to lead the Syrian side to the talks which are expected to last five days. The Syrian delegation will be taken on tours of economic projects and will meet the ministers of water, supply, industry and trade, transport and

Visiting Tunisian team holds education talks

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation from the Algerian Ministry of Education led by Rashid Aqsous met Saturday with Munther A! Masri, the Ministry of Education's secretary general, and discussed educational cooperation. Dr. Masri hriefed the visitors on the country's educational system and vocational training programmes.

Farhan to leave for Rome

The following listings are compiled from

monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press.

Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned insolutions.

Film entitled "A Lion In The Streets" at the

CHOIR RECITAL

Chair recital by Die Meistersinger at the

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* Lecture and film shots on the German city

DIALOGUE

☆ Dialogue with sculptor Mona Sa'udi entitled "Women and Art" at the artist's workshop

EXHIBITIONS

★ Exhibition by 46 artists entitled "He, Bon-

★ Exhibition of paintings by artist Salman Al

Jour Monsieur La Fotaine" at the French

Hansestadt by Dr. Dieter Glade at Goethe-

Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m.

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Cultural Centre.

American Center at 5:00 p.m. (88 minutes)

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Agriculture Mahdi Al Farhan will Sunday leave for Rome on a several-day visit. During the visit, Dr. Farhan will meet with the director of the World Food Programme (WFP) for talks on the continuation of the WFP's support for the highlands development project in Jordan.

WHAT'S GOING ON

U.N. honours families

AMMAN (J.T.) --- The International Day of Families will be observed for the first time on May 15, during the International Year of the Family

Proclaimed by the General tions in September 1993, this annual observance will build on the momentum to strenggenerated by the loternational Year. For 1994, the day's

Families - the fundamental building blocks of any society - face unprecedented and varied challenges: urbanization, drug abuse, poverty, unemployment and political unrest, as well as changing economic and social conditions, said

vidual's primary source of emotional and material sup-

It serves as the foundation for child development and, as such, holds the key to the solution of many of society's

Assembly of the United Natheo families which has been theme is "Building the Smallest Democracy at the Heart of Society," said a U.N. state-

the statement.

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The family therefore deserves priority attendon, said the statement.

Baladna Art Gallery (Tel. 687598).

at Ab'ad Art Gallery.

Man stabs divorced sister in fit of anger — police

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A 25-year-old Windat woman was stabbed by her brother Friday and was listed in critical condition, according to Civil Defence Department (CDD) and family sources.

The woman, identified as Taghrid A., had had an argument with her husband, who immediately divorced her the same day (Friday).

The woman, a mother of two, sought refuge at her brother's house, according to family sources.

A family member told the Jordan Times, an argument erupted between the brother. identified as M.A., and his sister regarding Taghrid's fight with her husband.

According to the family member, the brother asked his sister to return to her husband's house. The woman refused, the source said, and when the argument reached a deadlock, M.A. drew a knife and stabbed his sister in the stomach several times.

The woman was rushed to At Bashir Hospital for treatment. Hospital sources told the Jordan Times that the woman's condition is critical. According to relatives, the woman's brother is being held by police pending further investigations.

Police refused to give details of the incident.

Man dies from pesticides poisoning

A 19-year-old Irbid man died Friday of pestieide poisoning while spraying his garden, according to a police

The victim's father told police that bis son, Mahmoud Ahmad, was spraying trees in the garden of his home with a chemical pesticide without wearing a safety mask. According to the father, the son finished his chore and left to his own house, the report

When the father went to check his son the next day, he discovered Mohammad's

The son was taken to Princess Basma Hospital in Irbid where he was declared dead on arrival.

An attending doctor at the hospital attributed the death to pesticide inhalation. A CDD official told the Jordan Times that there was a possibility that the victim suffered from a disease or inflamacion which was aggravated by the pesticide spray thus causing

his death. The official urged all persons to wear safety masks and gloves when using pesticide SDravs

Nurse clinic instructors to graduate today

AMMAN (J.T.) — A cere-mony to mark the graduation of the fifth group of Nurse Clinic instructors will take place at Al Bashir Hospital

Minister of Health Abdul Rahim Malhas as well as sever-al Jordanian authorities representing concerned institutions will attend the ceremony including major national training oursing institutions, the University of Jordan, the University of Science and Technology, colleges of nursing, Minister of Education and Higher Education, directorates for training and education and bigher education, plaoning of the Ministry of Health, regional health directorates and direc-

tors of Al Bashir Hospital. The embassy of Italy will be represented by ambassador to Jordan Romualdo Bettini.

The "Clinical Instructors' Project" is a joint undertaking of the Ministry of Health and the Italiao Development Cooperadon. The project aims at improving the quality of nursing care io bospitals, through regular in-service

It bas established, since 1988, a 9-month diploma course training nurse clinical instructors and the Institute of Specialised Nursing Studies in Amman. Recently the course has been attended by ourses from other countries in this region as well.

Since 1991 the project has developed further and now it operates also at the decentralised, level through the Nursing Development Units. Five units have been set up

in the main hospitals of the country. — Salt, Basheer, Irbid, Zarqa, Kerak — to pro-vide technical and logistic support to nurse clinical instructors working there. The Italian government has

contributed nearly \$2 millioo in this project's development. During the ceremony a guide titled "In-service Train-ing in Action!," produced by the project in Arabic and English will be distributed to each of the 61 ourses graduated till now. This guide helps the clinical instructors through the process of placolog, implementing and evaluating the in-service training activities.

Upper House endorses sales tax He said that with the sales

AMMAN (Petra) - The Upper House of Parliament Saturday endorsed the draft sales tax law as it referred to it by the Lower House.

Several senators said that the proposed sales tax would give the government leeway for movement and help in earning funds to finance development projects and services for the public. Several secators said the tax is a national duty because the Kiogdom was passing through a crucial stage and required a significant amount of public support to bring it to a stage of self-reliance and of taking free national decisions.

Some senators though had demanded that the draft sales tax be endorsed at the rate of 10 per cent as was originally suggested by the government. On May 8, the Lower House approved the draft sales tax law after introducing several amendments to it including lowering the tax to seven per

The Lower House amendments were estimated to reduce revenues to JD 45 million from the JD 170 million initially expected io the govern-

ment's proposal.

In Saturday's session, the senators also demanded that the Ministry of Finance start procedures for training cadres on the implementation of the

Commeeting on remarks by the senators, Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali said his government was intent on reforming the public administrative system and improving civil

servant salaries. But he added that a pay increase of JD 10, for example, would require expenditures of a great deal more than what the seven per ceot tax would

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Mr. Lawzi expressed hope

that the United States would

Senate sends cable to U.S. Congress

AMMAN (Petra) - The Senate Saturday voiced its appreciation of the U.S. Congress decision to lift the arms embargo on Bosnia. In a cable to the U.S. legislature in Washington, Senate Speaker Ahmad Lawzi said it was hoped that the Congress' decisioo would eventually help the people of Bosnia to acquire the necessary means for legitimate self-defence and freedom from occupa-

assume its leading role to deter aggression and help ensure international law and the provisions and principles of the United Nacons.

As to the fears of some senators that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) would force the government to increase taxes following the implementation of the sales tax, Dr. Majali said such fears were groundless as the IMF and the World Bank can in no way impose on the government what it rejects.

Furthermore, the sales tax would provide protection to the limited income groups and would contribute to the protecdon of local industries and

encourage exports, he said. The finance ministry Mr. Gammoh added, has already prepared and trained a large and qualified cadre to apply the new law.

Civil ruling against Chalabi stems from untried case

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN -- A civil court verdict passed against fugitive banker Ahmad Chalabi and four of his relatives who were found gnilty of embez-ziement stemmed from a case which was not tried in the state court three years ago, legal sources said Saturday.

They said Dr. Chalabi and the other accosed were charged in 32 different cases related to the collapsed Petra Bank in the State Security Court and that the case that the Court of First Instance ruled last week was a 33rd

Part of the evidence collected during an investigation launched by a committee of experts in 1990 was used in the case and the charges were raised by a panel which is supervising the liquidation of Petra Bank since July 1990, said the legal sources, who preferred anonymity.

The State Security Court sentenced Dr. Chalabi to 35 years in prison and ordered a

fine of \$46 millioo, the amount it found the Iraqiborn banker had embezzled. Fifteen others - almost all of them in absentia like Dr. Chalabi --- were also handed down stiff sentences.

The latest trial involved a \$2 millioo embezzlemeot case. The accused were ordered to return the amount and pay damages, interest and litigation charges of JD 4.5 million.

The court ruling, which is appealable, could pave the way for a fresh bid to have the accused extradited to Jordao. The State Security Court verdicts could not have helped Jordan much since most countries do not accept extradition requests based on martial law courts, as the case was with the State Security Court.

The Petra Bank case was the last case to be tried by the State Security Court under martial law regulations which were repealed after the case was over.

However, prospects of get-ting Dr. Chalabi, a self-

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assumed Iraqi oppositioo leader, extradited to Jordan are not very bright, the legal experts said.

There are hundreds of fugitives from the Arah World and elsewhere living in England," ooted one source. The British government has not been very responsive to calls for their extradition to countries where they are either wanted for trial or are already tried and convicted. It is unlikely that the Londoo government would make an exceptioo in this case."

Furthermore, the source noted, Dr. Chalabi also has a "political cover" — to that he is a member of the Iraqi National Coogress which opposes the Baghdad govern-

"It is easy for him to cite 'political immunity' and fight any extraditioo," the source

It was not immediately known how the liquidation committee intended to procced after the verdict is appealed - a process which makes the ruling final.

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Regional experts study progress of chemical safety programme

AMMAN (Petra) - Delegates representing eight Middle Eastern countries iocluding Jordan Saturday opened a four-day meeting to Amman to study the progress of an inter-national programme for chemical safety run by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The programme aims at pro-viding advice and guidance to the countries of the region on how to prevent chemical accidents such as that which occurred in Bopal, India, said WHO expert John Haines. It also trains technicians on ways of dealing with chemical disasters, said Mr. Haines who is in charge of the programme in the Middle East regioo.

Mr. Haines told the opening session of a regional training workshop enotied "Health Efforts of Chemical accidents, prevention, preparedness and, response," and attended by the meeong's delegates, that the programme aims at promoting chemical safety measures throughout the world.

This programme, according to Mr. Haines, is sponsored by the International Lahour Organisation (ILO), the WHO and the United Nations Environment Programme Opening the meeting, held at the WHO-Regional Centre for Environmental Health Activitiess (CEHA), health minister Abdul Rahim Malhas said that there was need for collective action and support from the world organisation to

stem the spread of the harmful

Grave dangers are now threatening human life, they are the result of excessive use of chemical substances that spread in the atmosphere and effect soil and water, said the

effects of chemicals.

Police make arrests in railway thefts

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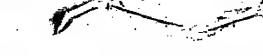
KARAK (Petra) - Fifteen people accused of stealing parts of the Hijaz Railway Line and rail bridges have been apprehended, according to a police department announce-ment here Saturday. The announcement said that the group was suspected of involvement in thefts of rails and bridges over the past two mooths and their capture came about as a result of close cooperation among the police departments in Karak, Zarqa and Ruseifa where the group members were said to live. Railway parts are dismantled and sold illicitly for a significant amount of money, police officials explained.



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Art of the possible

U.S. SECRETARY of State Warren Christopher's impending visit to Syria and Israel in a bid to rekindle their negotiating track comes amidst renewed speculation that not much could be expected to emerge from his latest shuttle diplomacy. Washington has in fact predicted no imminent breakthrough in the Israeli-Syrian peace talks even though it made sufficient hints to suggest that their bilateral megotiations have entered a new stage and could come to firmition later on. This suggests that enough progress was attained during the last trip by Christopher to warrant its continuation.

It would maturally be unreasonable to presume that the secretary of state is coming back to the region on a wild goose chase. But, it must be remembered that Damascus has also made an issue of the fact that it is still on the U.S. list of countries sponsoring "terrorism" and has injected this matter into its contacts with Washington. Presumably this subject will figure highly on the Syrian leaders' talks with Christopher when he arrives in the Syrian capital Sunday. President Hafez Al Assad cannot be expected to accommodate Washington on its efforts to energise the Syrian-Israeli track as long as his country is viewed and treated as some kind of terrorist state.

Israel, on the other hand, seeks to know in advance the extent and scope of peace that Damasces would be willing to offer in return for Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. In this vein, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has proposed a phased Israeli pullout stretching over eight to ten years in order to test the workability of the Syrian peace intentions. Rabin has yet to confirm or deny, however, that Israel would be willing to withdraw completely from the occupied Syrian territory at the end of the tannel.

President Assad insists, and rightly so, on receiving a clear commitment from Rabin that full withdrawal from the Heights would be in the cards in return for normalisation of relations between the two countries. What this complex situation boils down to is similar to the vexing egg-and-chicken syndrome where one set of questions begs the other. This is where Christopher may help by attempting to offer simultaneous answers to concurrent questions.

Bridging the gap between the two countries is still possible, and that, we guess, is why the secretary of state is coming back so soon to the

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

Al Ra'i Arabic daily said Saturday that with the lapse of 10 days of fighting between the north and south Yemenis, the rift within that Arab country continues to grow with detrimental consequences for the future of Arab unity. The Yemeni people, who are the victims of this war, watch their leaders at each others throats, devastating their own country to serve their own selfish interests, said the paper. It said those leaders were ignoring all calls for reason and end of bloodshed and were outbidding one another with their war communiques which speak of large numbers of innocent victims and extensive destruction to property and equipment. The confingation of the fratricide with such ferocity and ruthlessness can only deepen the division within the Arah World and can render the revival of Arab solidarity an impossible task. Jordan, which had led the mission of bringing about reconciliation between Yemeni leaders, is continuing its mission but it requires pan Arah support to save Yemen and its people. What is required is an urgent and prompt action on the part of the whole Arab World to contain and end the war in Yemen.

With the handing over of security in Jericho and Gaza to the Palestinian police the Palestinian people have stepped on the threshold to freedom and independence, Al Dustour daily said Saturday. It said that the event came as the fruits of a long struggle and the great sacrifices of the Palestinian people in the course of attaining their rights in their homeland. The Palestinians have now taken the first mile in their 1000, mile-trip towards independence, but no one can deny the formidable tasks awaiting the Palestinian authority in the two areas of Gaza and Jericho, especially the responsibility for ensuring security. While waging the battle of peace the Palestine Liberation Organisation, backed by the Palestinian people," inevitably going to force the task of reconstruction that would enhance national unity.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

Open the door for new banks

WHEN Minister of Industry and Trade Rima Khalaf came up with the idea of opening up the insurance market for new companies, and lifting the han imposed by law on licensing new insurance companies, the insurance lobby, inside and ontside Parliament, argued that 16 insurance companies are too many and more than sufficient to secure the environment of competition despite having an Insurance Union. They added: "If the closure of the door for licensing new bank is acceptable, the closure of the door for licensing new insurance companies should be equally acceptable." They concluded that liberalising insurance while leaving banks alone is sort of

They have a point. The issue must be treated as a matter of principle, irrespective of the available number of insurance companies and banks of all kinds.

The Jordanian economy was based at one time on the principle of strict regulation and protection. Economic management meant direct orders, closure and hlanket bans. Even in manufacturing, the government was against granting a permission to a second factory to produce the same line of

product. Competition was thought to be destructive.

All that gave way to a new liberal policy that welcomes competition, especially if the factories concerned are exportoriented. When the market is truly saturated, new capital will hesitate to enter the market. But smart capitalists and investors need not be protected from themselves. Feasibility studies, new technologies and outward looking are more qualified to give the guidance.

The majority of the members of Parliament showed them-selves to be extremely enthusiastic about breaking the monopoly in insurance once and for all. It was the unexpected intervention of the prime minister that delayed a prompt decision by Parliament to go ahead and enact the amendment

of the law of insurance which would bave ended the cap placed on the number of insurance companies operating in the

The liberalisation on the banking front should also be considered, and the door for licensing new banks should be possible due to the same logic and reasons.

If our monetary authorities feel that we bave enough banks, they can make the conditions more strict. For instance the minimum paid-up capital of a new bank should not be less than JD 20 million. In this manner we can exclude light-weight adventurers who may get involved in a competitive market and fail to appreciate the fierce competition but the door will be open for new big banks and substantial investments, which we cannot pre-judge that they are not needed, or will not be successful. New banks may prove themselves to be more qualified than some of our old and stagnating banks, which refuse to develop, modernise and rise to the level of the current challenges

Several banks lost their licences recently. Among them are: Petra Bank, Credit and Commerce International Bank, Mashreq Bank and Syrian-Jordanian Bank. At least these beences can be replaced if we have the right applicants.

The extremely high profitability of banks in Jordan in recent years, the rapid growth of sharebolders equity, the fat dividends declared annually and the sharp rise of the going price of shares in the market relative to book value are visible evidence that an element of monopolistic profit exists despite the large number of banks. There is still plenty of room for qualified banks with large capital.

New hanks and insurance companies should not confine themselves to the limited local market. They should branch out and seek new markets and create more jobs. Such banks should be seen as exporters of services and innovators.

LURIE'S WORLD

"I never ran so fast!"

"Me, too!"

Turkey's Islamists challenge establishment

By Dilip Hiro

THE TAKE-over by Turkish Islamists of town halls in Istanbul and Ankara in March has shaken the country's secular political and military elite. To its consternation, Western commentators bave started bracketing Turkey with Egypt and Algeria, where the fast rising tide of Islamic fundamentalism seems unstoppable.

The cause for concern is real. Having more than douhled its popular vote, from 9 per cent to 19, the Islamic Refah (Welfare) party has caught up with the leading secular True Path (21.5 percent) and Motherland (21 per cent) parties. Besides capturing Turkey's most populous cities, it gained power in 24 other urban centres scattered throughout the republic. A variety of factors - national and regional, historic and contemporary — lie behind the surge of Islamic forces in

Perceived corruption

All major secular parties

are seen as corrupt hy a rising proportion of the electorate, those exercising power at the national level — the True Path led by Prime Minister Tansu Ciller, and the Social Democrats all the more so. The fact that these parties and the opposition Motherland together lost 14 per cent of the vote illustrates electors' disenchantment. In contrast, Refah is widely perceived as not only honest hut also efficient. The exemplary manner in which it has administered Konya, the seventh biggest city with a population of over half a million, since 1989 is a case in point. Another factor which helped Refah was the boycott of the poll by the Kurdish-backed Democratic Party. Refab came to be regarded by many alienated Kurds as the only

alternative left. Unlike Marxism or liheral democracy, Kemalist secular-ism, the ideology of the Turkish republic since its founding in 1923, is not an allencompassing creed that explains society and history. Nor is it a social and ethical system in the form of a conveutional religion. Its ascendancy over the past seven decades has left Turkish society without the ethical moorings which in the past were provided by Islam. Its main achievement was to foster Tarkish nationalism. Bat, with Turkey well established as a nation, bas Kemalism lost its raison d'etre?

It has certainly proved unable to provide guidelines for resolving a host of acute problems facing Turkey today: rampant inflation, staggering interest rates, declining currency, the bloody Kur-dish insurgency, rising rural migration to the cities. Refah won strong hacking from bundreds of thousands of poor migrants from the Anatolian hinterland who flood into the shanty-towns of Istanhul and Ankara at the rate of half a million a year. They are shocked by the "decadent" ways of the Westernised middle and upper classes of these cities, and turn to the mosque and to Refah, which promises to arrest this "moral decline". And many other Turks, finding the country mired in worsening economic crisis and ethnic violence, are seeking solace and solutions in Islam.

Boosted by the military

Of the four major constituents of the secular establishment - the armed forces, the mainstream political parties, husiness and the media - the most powerful is the military. Since World War II it has carried out coups in 1960, 1971 and 1980.

Since the generals' overriding objective in September 1980 was to rid society of Marxist ideology and parties, they encouraged Islamic ideas and education as an antidote. In 1982 the military government made compulsory the teaching of Islam in schools, something that had been optional since 1967. It was for instance, during military rule, which lasted until December 1983, that the Higher Institute of Islamic Studies, established in 1959, was upgraded to the Faculty of Divinity of Marmara University, with a student body of 1,200. Islamic programmes were introduced on the state-

run radio and television. This

is precisely what President Sadat did in Egypt soon after taking office in 1970. He encouraged the revival of the Islamic forces, principally the Muslim Brotherhood, to counter the left. In the event, be fell victim to Islamic militancy.

In Turkey, by the mid-1980s there was much fer-ment among Islamist intellectuals; they concentrated on producing journals and pamphiets, and convening small meetings. To them it seemed only a matter of time before those activities spilled over into the political arena. "Once Islamist intellectuals are integrated into the political thinking of Turkey, then the situation will change," Seyfettin Manisaligil, a sociologist at Istanbul University, told me in mid-1986. In the light of the current political situation, this was a prophetic statement indeed.

> Turkey's social and economic elite is deeply troubled'

With its energies focused on countering the Kurdish insurgency, the Turkish officer corps, a staunch supporter of Kemalist secularism, is unlikely to clash with the Islamic forces now, especially when Refah seems determined to operate within constitutional limits and stick to its strategy of acquiring state power through the ballot box. With at least four strong parties, Turkey is a country of coalition governments; once a party first with 20 per cent of the vote, it enters the arena of power-sharing. This is what Refah achieved in March - chiefly at the expense of the fast dwindling Social Democrats, junior partners in the ruling coali-

Troubled elite

Turkey's social and economic elite is deeply troubled. It views Islamists as antibusiness, committed to taking Turkey away from its pro-Western orientation manifested inter alia in the country's membership of NATO and associate membership of the European Union (EU). Over half of Tur-

key's exports are to the EU. Business leaders are pressuring the hierarchies of the two right-of-centre parties the opposition Motherland (headed by Mesut Yilmaz) and the ruling True Path to merge. Were this to happen, the new body would have the backing of over 40 per cent of the electorate, an impressive figure. But, with the Social Democrats in apparently terminal decline, the status of chief opposition party will pass to Refah. This will enhance its power to set the political agenda and polarise society into two hostile camps, secular and Islamist. The basic problem facing

the secular establishment is

twofold: lack of a viahle ideology, and absence of political leadership that can meet the challenges thrown up by the end of the cold war and the rise of Islamic militancy. On the eve of the local elections, True Path leader Suleiman Demirel, said that should the two ruling parties together fail to get 40 per cent of the vote, they should seek a fresb mandate from the electorate. They got only 33 per cent. The argument that Ciller has ample time to curb the Kurdish insurgency as well as runaway inflation and economic recession before the next general election in October 1996 sounds hollow. The five-year tenure of the Kurdish parliament is not mandatory. Previous general elections have been held every four years, the last one in October 1991. So the next, parliamentary election is more likely to be in the autumn of 1995, or even earlier.

Meanwhile, Refab leaders will concentrate on improving public services and curbing corruption in town halls, as well as restraining party militants, to win wider support at the next general elections. Its outcome may determine whether or not the days of secular Turkey are num-

Middle East International

Losers and bad losers

By G.H. Jansen

POPULAR jubilation over the entry of Palestinian policemen into the two "liberated" bantustans of Gaza and Jericho has concealed two factors that have grave implications for the future of the peace process. The first of these factors is that the area liberated is minis-

cule. The two bantustans together amount to six per cent of the occupied territory of Gaza and the West Bank (Gaza and the West Bank together comprise only 19 per cent of pre-Israel Palestine). The Jericho enclave of 62 square kilometres is only one per cent of the West Bank. The implication is this: If Israel leaves these pocket chiefs of territory with

so much difficulty and so slowly what will happen when it comes to vacating the remain-ing 94 per cent of the occupied territory. Of course, the settlements have by now swallowed up 50 per cent of occupied territory and, according to the Oslo accord which Arafat should never have accepted, these settlements are not to be

The second factor is the mean-minded grudging man-ner in which the Israelis left. The first batches of Palestinian

kept waiting at crossing points for four or five days. The Israelis tried to conceal as much as possible what they saw as the humiliating spectacle of Israelis having to abandon their conquests, with the Israeli flag being lowered and so forth. So the policemen were finally allowed to enter only in the small hours of the morning when people were not expected to be around. But in this case they made a point of being around. The formal handing over ceremony was also set for an inconvenient hour. And few journalists and mediamen were permitted into Jericho. After the journalists objected to the supreme court, ten of them were allowed. The implication is this: The Israelis are implementing the agree-ment with such bad grace that at the end of it there will be more ill will and anger than before, instead of the opposite.

This is in glaring contrast to the correct behaviour of the white South African government at the recent change of regime there. At Nelson Mandela's inauguration he was pre-sented with a full ceremonial all-white guard of honour and the all-white air force laid on a ceremonial fly-past. Do the Israelis have to show the world that they are worse even than the South African boers?

Rebel capital a haven of peace in war zone

By Michelle Faul

HUAMBO, Angola — Eighty kilometres from the clash of combat, shouting kids play a spirited soccer game, women pound corn for supper and a man whistles tunelessly as be sweeps a street devastated by jet bombers a year ago. bers a year ago.

A year ago Huambo was the worst battlefield in Angola's 19-year war, now it is the headquarters of Jonas Savimbi's National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) rebels.

Mr. Savimbi and bis 50,000-strong rebel army, out to take over one of Africa's potentially richest countries. no longer hivouac in the bush or hide in this southern Afri-'can nation's badlands.

Headquarters is in this city of tree-lined boulevards and pastel-painted cottages, where the rebels raised their black rooster banner after a stunning defeat of government troops in a three-month

Huambo is a city of older people, women and thousands and thousands of children. Teen-age girls strol-led the streets with habies on their bips. "All our men are fighting at the front," they

For now, only a handful of armed fighters are visible. But "minders" and interpreters of UNITA, always accompanied a half dozen international reporters the rebels invited into their terri-

tory.
"Huambo is an island of tranquility." said Jeronimo Elavoko Wanga, rebelappointed governor of central Huambo province. "Of course, if the Luanda government decides to bomh us again, there's nothing we could do."

UNITA estimates at least 10,000 of the city's 400,000 residents were killed during the street-to-street gun hattles and government air raids that rocked Huambo.

The city hecame a prize for both sides after Mr. Savimbi dashed a 1991 peace treaty by accusing the government of rigging his defeat in Angola's first elections in September 1992. Mr. Savimbi fortified a mansion, pulled his troops from the unified army, and called Huambo. where his Ovimbundu people reside,

Fighting broke out throughout the country a month later, and in January, 1933, when war-weary Angola should have been inaugurating its first democratically-elected president, the battle for Huambo began.

The facade of Mr. Savimbi's two-storey mansion, what the locals call the White House, shows mangled girders and parts of the bombed-out roof collapsed on a circular staircase. The guerrillas have set up a

basic administration in Huambo. "We've reopened schools, got the city cleaned up, but we have to pay teachers and sweepers." Mr. Wanga said. "You know, this is a new experience for us because all our fighters are volunteers."

Pablo Alveiro, sweeping papers and leaves on Oct. 5 Boulevard, said he was paid. "It's not enough to survive. but better than nothing at all," be said. His month's work gets him 5 kilogrammes

of corn mash and a chicken. But thanks to U.N. relief supplies, no one is dying of hunger in the city as they are elsewhere in the country. Eight planeloads of food

fly to Huambo every day in an airlift begun in January by the Red Cross after Mr. Savimbi and President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos agreed

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"A huge humanitarian disaster was averted, but disaster always can strike again if the aid is cut," said Philippe Lazzarini, in charge of Red Cross operations in the 75 per cent of Angola controlled by

Mr. Wanga said 60 to 70 per cent of the corn crop, a staple that is cooked into a thick porridge, was lost.

Nevertheless, Huambo municipal market on a recent visit boasted goat meat, live chickens, beans, sweet potatoes, guavas, avocado pears, roasted peanuts and even

popcorn.
Country people are oot so fortunate.

"There's no medicine for the kids." said Victorina Nanjinji of Kunhinga. 100 Manjinji or Kummiga.
miles northeast of Huambo. She pointed to children with infected eyes huzzing with flies, with hacking coughs and torn T-shirts giving little protection against a biting dawn cold.

The United Nations esti-mates that 3 million Angolans — a third of the nation - are endangered by a famine that could become as devastating as Somalia's.
But the UNITA hrass, like

the government officials they often call corrupt, lacks little. Despite a fuel embargo imposed by the United Nations in September, chartered aircraft fly nightly from Kinshasa. Zaire to dirt strips in rebel territory with fuel and other goods.

"When will there be peace?" Ms. Nanjinji asked a reporter hopelessly

The 30-year-old mother of five was 10 years old in 1975 when factions that had fought Portuguese colonisers for independence turned on each other as the Europeans abandoned Angola.

At least a half million Angolans and probably more have died since a remote African conflict became a proxy cold war battle. Cuban and Russian troops fought for Dos Santos and South African soldiers helped Mr. Savimbi, who was armed by the United

Today, UNITA and the government fight it out alone. Mr. Dos Santos controls isolated provincial towns surrounded by UNITA forces and a narrow strip along the Atlantic Ocean, including Luanda, the capital. miliating specials

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sisters and brothers for 30 vears," said Lieutenant Abu Ala. He cried as he kissed and held his elderly mother. His sister said her sons had never met their uncle.

Dozens of anxious families came to Jericho on Saturday from other parts of the West Bank in search of sons, brothers and relatives who may have arrived with the police on Friday.

They crowded in front of the military headquarters asking to see their relatives.

id few journalist as an were permitted it.
After the journal to the supreme of th Women ululated and cried tears of joy as they hugged and kissed their sons. "I used to tell them about

him and show them bis pictures," one said. Policeman Mousa Abdullah. a member of Al Aqsa Brigade that came from Iraq, sat under a tree with his mother, father,

sisters and their children. "This is the first time I see my family in 15 years. I cannot describe my feelings of joy,"

His mother Hourieh, 60, wept as she described the family's celebrations on Friday when they heard their son bad

returned home. In the Gaza Strip, Israel handed over three more military posts to the Palestinian police force. One was a military base in Jabaliya refugee

camp, the birthplace of the Palestinian uprising against Israel in December 1987. Jericho was officially handed over to Palestinians on Friday when the last Israeli soldiers withdrew from the area. The police were entrusted with guarding institutions and peo-

government takes over. Major General Haj Ismail, commander of the Jericho forces, convened his first meeting with heads of civil administration departments and in-

ple until a Palestinian interim

structed them to pursue their duties normally. "We are trying to organise ourselves and start our duties m serving you all," Gen. Ismail told a crowd waiting outside the headquarters to greet the police force. "You are all part

of us, you are our people."
It is a strange feeling. I have not felt so free for the past 27 years under occupation. It seems like Jericho is remote from the rest of the West Bank," said Jericho resi-

dent Bassem Yasser, 48. toured the empty Israeli jail

Apart than mounting joint patrols with Israeli border troops outside the town, there was little active duty for the police. And with administrative offices closed, a holiday atmosphere took hold of the

Today we are resting and distributing the new posts," said Major Ahmad Abu Hami-We are cleaning up the place and we will be ready for full work in a couple of days."

Garden Supplies

Essam Mahmoud, a 35-yearold who was jailed here in 1988, toured the prison with other former inmates. "! wanted to see my old cell... I can't believe that now I can enter here without handcuffs."

he said. Another former detainee, 40-year-old Ahmad Umtar, pointed to a cell's whitewashed walls. "There were all our names on the walls here. Now they're all gone."

"I came bere today with feelings of anger at the Israeli injustice and brutality. I wanted to see this old place. I now hope all of Palestine will

be uberated." At the new Palestinian headquarters, the former offices of Israel's military administration, senior police officers met local dignitaries to discuss the details of self-rule and the

changes to come.

Police were on alert at the gates after a child killed himself by accident here in the midst of celebrations Friday by firing a gun that happened to be loaded. A woman and an elderly man were also injured

in the accident. A new contingent of 240 policemen, recruited from Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) units in Sudan, marched into the Gaza Strip late Saturday from the Rafah bor-

der crossing with Egypt.
At 5 a.m. (0200 GMT), the Jabaliya refugees jumped for jopy to see that Israeli troops had just pulled out of the base set up in the beart of the camp in 1970 as well as from an administration building in the neighbouring village.

As the sun rose, most of the camp's 75,000 residents and the 25,000 in the village took to the streets to celebrate. A dozen of them scaled the army's 30-metre tower to hoist the Palestinian red-green-

white-black flag.
A four-year-old child, seeing a policeman for the first time, took fright and burst into tears. "They're not Jews, they're Palestinian soldiers." his mother reassured him.

As hundreds of people watched from rooftops, women banged on drums and chanted nationalist songs, a policeman in olive-green uni-form saluted and hugged another child.

Militants of the Fatch Hawks of PLO leader Yasser Arafat fired off celebratory rounds of gunfire in the air. who oppose the self-rule deal with Israel, shouted slogans to

welcome the police.
"My son didn't give his life for nothing. He died for Pales-tine, and I'm so happy that they're gone," said Um Iyad Al Ashkar, wearing a pendant with a photograph of her son who was killed by Israeli sol-

diers in February 1988.
"But my joy will not be complete until all the (Jewish) settlers leave our land and Jerusalem is ours again," she

Russia remembers Khrushchev

By Julia Rubin The Associated Press

MOSCOW - Galeria Ivanova squints at Nikita Khrushchev's hlack and white tombstone as if trying to solve a puzzle.

She knows Khrushchev's dark side: his years as Stalin's henchman, his erratic crackdowns on art and religion, his impulsive and autocratic streak. But for her, he will always be the man who denuunced Stalin and began the political "thaw" that enabled her to travel abroad as a

young plantst in 1961. "My generation can say Khrushchev did a lot," said Ivanova, 68. "I had a taste of freedom, a taste of the truth. And that was a beginning. Then 17 long years of dumb stagnation, and then Gor-

Sunday was the 100th anniversary of Khrushchev's hirth, and Russians are divided over how to remember

Was he a real reformer? And in this period of faltering reform, does that mean he should be thanked or blamed?

Newspapers have reprinted some of Khrushchev's speeches and published interviews with family members. Celebrations are being held iit Kalinovka, his native vil-

In Moscow, there are rival conferences that reflect some of the disagreements about Khrushehev. One is spon-sored by Mikhail Gor-bachev's Foundation, the other by former associates of Gorbachev.

For many Russians,

Khrushchev and Gorbachev are inextricably linked.

It was Gorhachev, intent on his own reforms, who as the last Soviet leader resurrected Khrushchev's name from official disgrace with a glancing but favourable reference in a 1987 speech. To him, Khrushchev represented the possibility of reforming

Soviet Communism. Khrushchev was an ambiguous model. He served a brutal dictator, then dramatically dehunked him in a "secret speech" to party members in 1956. He loosened the regime's grip and granted some freedoms, but left the basic structure of the absolutist state.

He opened the doors of the gulag to thousands of prisoners, letting them rejoin their families. But he continued to repress dissidents, committing some to psychiatric in-Mitules.

He allowed the publication of Alexander Solzhenitsyn's One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich," but let Boris Pasternak be persecuted for "Doctor Zhivago."

In 1964, he was ousted and sent into humiliating retirement, where be wrote memoirs that were smuggled to the West.

Even at the peak of bis political powers, Khrushchev was ridiculed as a humpkin who banged his shoe on the table at the United Nations and ordered crops planted in regions not suited to them.

"We told jokes about him, of course," said Ivanova. But so what? What he accomplished was worth much more than his mis-

Khrushchev's reputation soured in the early days of

perestroika. There was a kind of peak in 1988 or 1989, when there was still hope for a reformed Communism," said William Taubman, a history professor at Amherst college who is writing a book on Khrushchev. "Then so many people moved beyond that idea, and

he faded from view." The reform movement also overtook Gorbachev, leading to the demise of the party and Soviet Union.

Gorbachev, still unpopular in Russia, told reporters last week that Khrushchev was an inconsistent and limited reformer, but sincere and

Yegor Yakovley, who edited the pro-perestroika Moscow News during Gor-barhev's heyday, also said Khrushehev bas been underappreciated.

Khrushchev's figure looks smaller than what he achieved," said Yakovlev, who helped organise one of the conferences. "He freed the country from the icy cold of Stalin's epoch. It's one falling stone that brings the

But historian Yuri Afanasyev, who led efforts to debunk Soviet bistory during Gorbachev's regime, said he would not attend that conference because he disagreed with such "whitewashing" of Khrushehev.

"Khrushchev was a creature of the Stalinist system, a convinced bolshevik," Afa-nasyev said, "He couldn't nasyev said. separate himself from it and he couldn't give it up. He himself said, "my hands are

"Khrushchev was no idiot. He was wise. After Stalin's death, he saw the signs of catastrophe - that this intolerable regime could not continue. And his reaction was entirely natural. He acted to avert crisis. And Gorhachev did the same thing.

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Another prominent historian, 37-year-old Dmitry Likhachev, feels even more

strongly.
"I can't say anything good about the man," he said of Khushchev. "He was a model primitive. The most terrible of his crimes was destroying several thousand churches.
"A lot of newspapers are

trying to make him look better than he actually was." In some minds, Khrushchev and Gorbachev share the blame for Russia's current political and economic

straits. "A lot of people say Khrushchev was a great re-former, but I think he led to Gorbachev, and during Gorbachev everything col-lapsed, said Andrei Pugachev, a 20-year-old poli-tical science student who mourns the death of the Soviet Union.

Or as the hardline Pravda wrote this week, Khrushchev failed as a policymaker because he was always in a burry. "Perestroika," it added, "Also was begun in haste," along with President Boris Yeltsin's "shock therapy" and Russia's new constitution.

"Where are we burrying to?" Pravda huffed.

The uncertainty about Khrushchev extends even to

"Khrushchev was an ambiguous m He served a brutal dictator, then dra tically debunked him in a 'secret speed to party members in 1956. He loosen the regime's grip and granted some freedoms, but left the basic structure of the absolutist state."

his birthday. Officially, it has been commemorated on April 17, but his grandson said last week that a birth certificate shows it as April

Taubman feels Khrushchev is significant to historians as a window on the Soviet power structure. "His life parallels that of the Soviet system and he played all the roles; peasant, worker, party offi-cial on up," Taubman said, Recent findings in Soviet

archives show Khrushchev as more forceful in foreign poli-cy than was thought, the

American Historian said, taking such major decisions as Soviet policy during the Cuban missile crisis by bim-

In Russia, his impact remains greatest on the 1960s generation.

As Ivanova expressed it: "Society doesn't think about him. Young people have so much else to think about. But those of us who lived in those times with him, we understand that what he did in 1956 was an achievement, a psychological break from the

By Clar Ni Chonghaile Reuter

ALALPARDO, Spain -Ramoncin was one of thousands of Spanish children evacuated to the Soviet Union to escape the civil war in the 1930s. Fifty-six years later, he

finally came home. Now the hig, silent man from Asturias cares for the dogs at the "return resi-dence," the country's first hame for the former "ninos de guerra" (children of war). But the homecoming has

no fairy-tale ending.
Those who fled the bombs and fighting as children are now elderly men and women who have left behind family and friends in Russia to return to a land they hardly

About 8,000 children, aged between five and 12, were evacuated from Spain between 1936 and 1939.

Half ended up in the Soviet Union, guests of dictator Josef Stalin who supported the cause of the Spanish Republicans against Faseist General Francisco Franco. The children who boarded

the cargo ships for Leningrad (St. Petersburg) little thought that, for many, it would be almost a lifetime before they

Spain's forgotten war children tell tale of pain and suffering

"They could not return because Stalin, who had set up a left-wing dictatorship in Russia, did not want to hand them over to Franco," said Victor Miro who runs the

Franco, victorious in the war, refused to let the "chil-dren of Communists" into Spain.
"There were two extremes and in the middle of the two

were the poor children," Mr. Miro said sadly. The tired-looking admini trator was 13 when the civil war broke out and always wanted to do something for the forgotten evacuees. When be inberited some money, he set up the Gumiel Foundation to provide homes

and support for them. With the help of govern-ment money, the home was

The tidy huilding on the outskirts of the quiet village of Alalpardo is bome to 33 Spaniards who returned last

A combination of World

War II, government intransigence and new ties prevented them making the move ear-

The disintegration of the Soviet Union left many nearly destitute and persuaded them to seek a better life in

"Women's shoes cost four million coupons now and a pension is only worth 300,000 coupons per month," said Mr. Miro.

The residents have received no pension from Rus sia since 1992 and are subsidised by the Spanish government.

"Some of our most recent arrivals told me bow they spent all day in queues outside hread shops. When the day's meagre supply had been doled out to the first 28 or so people, the queue moved forward to wait for the next day's supply," Mr. Miro said.

During a recent visit to Spain, President Boris Yeltsin signed an accord aimed at ending the confusion on pen-

Russia will pay a hasic pension to Spaniards, regardless of where they live at the time of retirement and Spain will top this up to bring it into line with pension payments here.

Money is only one of the Ninos' problems. "These children were cut off from their families at the age of seven or eight. Now they have had to leave their

grandchildren and nephews and nieces hehind," Mr. Miro said. "You see them coming out of the telephone hooths, tears streaming down their

faces after speaking to their In the 1930s, the children were welcomed to Russia with open arms. Bands played as the ships drew into Leningrad, they were cared

educated in Spanish. "They gave us everything and treated us better than their own children," said Luis Fuenturbel who was evacu-

for in special homes, and

ated from the coastal town of

Bilhao when he was 10. World War II shattered the harmony. Many of the older children joined the Soviet

army to fight against the

Nazis.
"A third died during this time. Some in the army, some in the hombings and some from hunger," said Mr. Miro.

"About 150 were given military training and sent to fight in Stalingrad. After a few days, only three were

After the war, there was little chance of leaving. 'We could not come because they would not let us go. They wouldn't let a fly out of the country," said Mr.

Fuenturbel. 'If we had been allowed out in 1954 when the war ended, we would all bave gone because we were always thinking of our families and Spain," he added.

The refusal to let them leave was accompanied by a breakdown in communication, with some evacuees waiting up to 30 years before receiving news of their fami-

lies.
"I used to send my letters to an uncle in Mexico and he would forward them to Spain," Mr. Fuenturbel said. "It was in 1947 that I received my first letter from home. They had just put my name on the envelope and 'Russia' but I got it," he

grinned. In the postwar years, some intrepid souls did make it home to Spain, after a tortuous journey via Mexico and Cuba.

Others started to return when Soviet President Mikhail Gorhachev let the first rays of democracy into Soviet society with his policy of "perestroika" in the 1980s.

main in Russia, some because they have no bome to return to and others because they do not wish to he uprooted yet

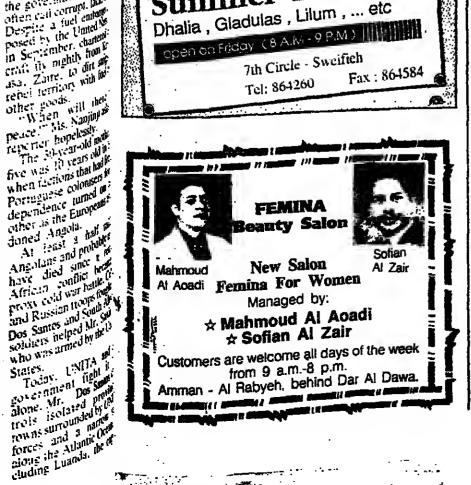
Having witnessed the anguish of his 33 residents, Mr. Miro believes that possibly the best solution is to send money, food and supplies to those in Russia to enable them to live well, rather than encouraging

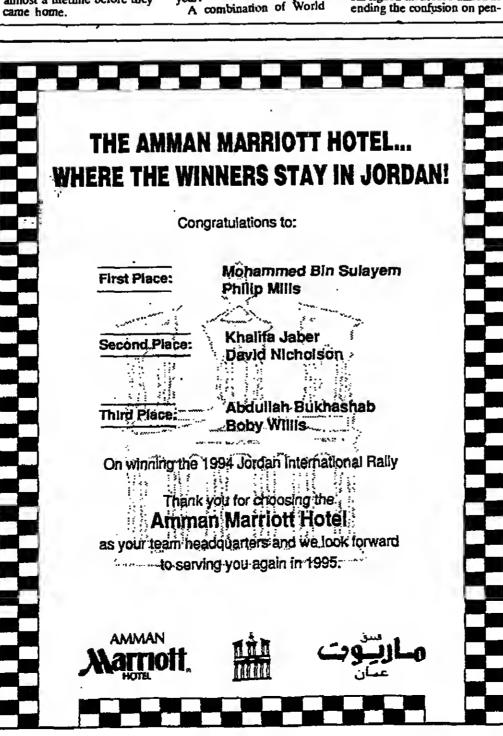
another painful break. "The story of the ninos de guerra is a tale of pain and suffering," he said.

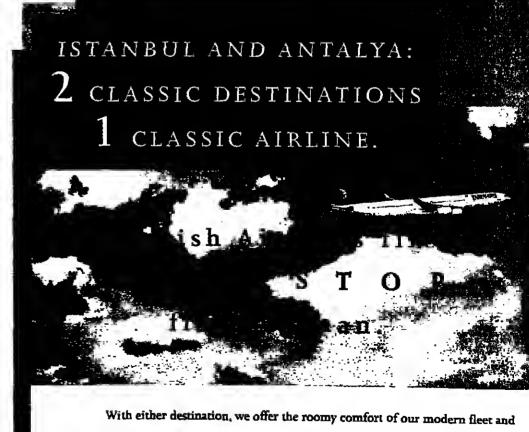


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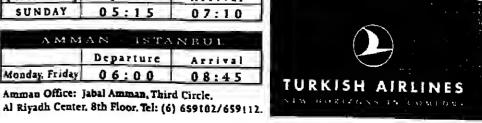




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Commodity prices soar as speculators move in

LONDON (R) — Waves of speculative money cascaded into commodity markets, from copper to coffee, sending some prices Friday to their highest Hallice the late 1980s.

i- "I": not seen anything like this for years. They've all broken out on the upside one senior trader of in obstrial metals said.

On the London Metal Exchange (LME), copper hit a 14-month high, nickel was at a 15-mouta peak, alaminium reached in highest in nearly two years while lead and zinc were a hice-month highs.

Dec. said copper's rise ever in last two weeks driven by demand in the United States - had convinced speculators and investment funds to put their money into

base metals.
"What is happening is that the others are catching copper up... it could be the start of a major move up, and nobody

Analysts said this time the fundamentals of supply and demand — stocks of many metals are still at record highs

- are largely being ignored.
"The others have been pulled up by copper, with the exception of nickel where the short-term fundamentals do justify this, Angus MacMillan of LME brokers Billiton-Enthoven Metals said.

"Forget fundamentals. If an express train is coming at you, von either get out of the way or go along for the ride. Nobody should be short when the markets are like this," another trader said.

Copper stocks have fallen for most of the year, with demand from around the world sucking metal from LME warehouses. Stocks now stand at one-year lows of 424,700 tonnes, or 31 per cent down from February's 16-year highs.

tome in the last two weeks to Friday's \$2,175 high. It is about 35 per cent above the six-year lows touched last an-

Nickel prices burst through \$6,000 to hit \$6,330 a tonne. Dealers said there were fears that labour talks at a leading Canadian niekel producer, INCO, may turn into a strike.

Aluminium was around \$1,360 a tonne, up \$32 from Thursday, lead gained \$30 to hit \$507, zinc rose \$15 to \$985, while tin traded \$165 higher at

Coffee prices shot to their highest in five years because of global shortage of the crop. On Friday afternoon, prices for delivery in July jumped briefly to \$1,985 a tonne, up

\$95 and dealers said funds were behind the buying. The funds have the ballpark to themselves," one trad-

Greece will free all restrictions on capital movements tomorrow

ATHENS (R) — Greece will free all restrictions on capital movements from Monday, hoping to stop a wave of heavy speculation against the drach-ma, National Economy Minister Yannos Papandoniou told

reporters Saturday · He said "unsubstantiated and unreal rumours" about a drachma devaluation had sparked a run on the currency ahead of July 1, when Greece's final capital restrictions were to be lifted.

"For that reason the government has decided to proceed to the immediate freeing of shortterm capital movements from May 16," be said.

In compliance with European Union agreements, Greece had removed most of its restrictions on changing foreign currencies. The excep tion was on transactions of

under three months and all these will now disappear Mon-

The advancing of the date for allowing Greeks and foreigners to buy and sell drachmas whenever they want would "thwart the expectations of speculators," in their attacks on the drachma, be said.

Aside from measures which imposed new reserve requirements on Friday, Greece would count on support for the drachma from the "positive direction of the carrent account and inflation," Mr. Papandoniou said.

inflation has fallen from almost 23 per cent in December 1990 to 10.4 per cent annually in April this year. It is still almost three times the European Union average. The Greek central bank has

spent between \$500 million

and \$1 billion since Wednesday trying to defend the drachma against the concerted attack on the currency — or some 10 per cent of the country's foreign

Money traders in Athens were braced for a renewed assault on Monday but Mr. Papandoniou appeared to be signalling a decision not to spend all the country's vital foreign reserves in a futile defence of the currency.

Mr. Papandoniou, 45, took up the powerful national economy post only last week. He is likely to face a real baptism of fire next week when international currency speculators decide whether to drive down the drachma or withdraw for a while from the fray,

money market analysts in

Athens said. JETRO also noted that

Japanese rush to buy cheap Asian clothes as recession bites

supplies further encouraged

local companies to expand

abroad, especially in such

countries as China, Thailand

ticularly apparent since the start of the nineties among

major and medium-sized

Japanese manufacturers and

tailoring firms in men's casual

wear. The result is that more

and more domestic brands con-

tain a higher and higher prop-

ortion of Asia-made products," it said.

for so-called American casual

wear such as checked flannel

shirts, the big hit product of

1993, "there are Asian pro-

ducts made on consignment as

China's emergence as a ma-

well as American products."

jor source of imports was parti-

cularly, striking in some sec-

tors, nntably men's suits,

which underwent "significant"

sales growth. Other sectors

where Chinese imports were

strong included men's coats

and polo shirts along with

women's leather jacket, vests,

Figures released last month

show that China accounted for

more than 50 per cent of Japan's total imports of clo-

thing in the year to March. While overall imports grew a

modest five per cent to \$13.2

billion, imports from China

Japanese trade officials re-

portedly said last week that

China had indicated its readi-

ness to consider possible

'voluntary" export restraints

The Chinese measures are

apparently aimed at discourag-

ing Japan from restricting im-

ports of textiles from China

under the 1974 multilateral

fibre arrangement of the

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"voluntarily" restrict the flow of textile trade between the

two countries could attract in-

terestional criticism of Japan

while damaging China's bid to join the GATT, the Nihon

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and Trade (GATT).

on textiles.

alone shot up 32 per cent.

slacks, skirts and lingerie.

The survey found that even

"The trend has become par-

and Vietnam.

TOKYO (AFP) - Japanese consumers, once obsessed with expensive European designer labels, are now rushing to buy cheap Asian clothes as the country's langest post-war recession drags on, a new survey

The survey of imported clothing, conducted by the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) between October and December, finds that Italian, French and British designers are still the best-selling brands for most products.

But for some other products - such as men's blousons and women's fur coats - Hong Kong designers were the most popular, ontselling such famons brand names as Ermenegildo Zegna and Christian Dior.

A big finding of the survey of major trends and bestselling products in 1993 was the "low-priced imports, particularly those from Asia, generally sold well," JETRO said.
"Price reductions of more expensive American and European imports did not stimulate sales at the level expected."

Despite the sluggish Japanese consumer market, overall imports of clothing performed well compared with

domestic products.

IETRO cited "the ongoing shift of domestic manufacturing to offshore production, improvements in the quality of products from China and other parts of Asia, increased product variety and the achievement of low prices and good

quality.
"The price of expensive Enropean and American brands conversely fell by around 20 per cent in the wake of the move to return the benefits of the strong yen to the market. Domestic and offsbore price differentials were only reduced in limited cases, however, and did not result in the degree of revitalised consumption that was ori-ginally intended," the agency

efforts by Japanese importers to improve quality and stabilise

Oil prices rise 25% in just six weeks

LONDON (R) - World crude oil prices made new gains this week in an explosive rally that has added 25 per cent to the value of the barrel since the end of March.

Some traders wondered Friday how long it could go on as supply/demand seem balanced rather than tight just

caught up in a wave of buying enthusiasm seen across a range of commodities. "We have hit a change in the

Shearson.

Mr. Gignoux doubted if any one set of players — such as big investment funds — was alone fuelling a rally which has lifted oil prices out of the hargain basement.

of player. Refiners. Traders. Hedgers. Speculators," he

world benchmark Brent Blend of crude oil touched a sixmonth high at \$16.70 per bar-rel on Friday although they eased later to around the open-

a recession-led slide seen in 1993 when Brent fell from around \$20. But it is well up from a post-Gulf war low of \$12.90 on Feb. 16 and around

"We now have a mirror image of last autumn when the market reacted to bearish news and ignored anything hullish," Mr. Gignoux said, of an apparent change in market psychol-

But oil looked as if it was

commodity cycle -and oil is a commodity," said Peter Gig-noux, head of the London energy desk for Smith Barney

"When trading reaches a

frenzy it brings everyone to the party. 1 have seen every kind said. London June futures for the

ing \$16.50. Oil still hasn't retraced all of

\$13 at the end of march.

Traders add that a cold northern winter has brained some excess from Western stocks of oil, and a reviving global economy may fire up consumption of refined pro-

New Delhi opens up lucrative telephone sector to foreign companies

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Indiaopened up basic telephone ser-vices to foreign and domestic private companies in a longawaited telecom policy unveiled Friday, taking the first step towards private phone networks.

The policy is aimed at meeting an \$8 billion shortfall in the nearly \$14 billion required to modernise India's antiquated telephone system and provide a phone on demand to its citizens by the year 1996. Ordinary Indians with no

political influence and no money to pay bribes to jump the queue now have to wait up to five years for a connection, which may not even work

when they get it.

Three million people are on the waiting list, which is growing by 15-20 per cent every year, but the list is expected to waith when ferring a commenter. vanish when foreign companies bring their telecom dollars to provide phone services.

Communications Minister Sukh Ram told parliament the policy also was aimed at bringing to India all sophisticated phone services available in advanced countries and build a world-class network.

The long-awaited policy document, whose theme is "telecommunications for all," was released on the eve of Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's departure for a visit to the United States.

Major U.S. telecom firms such as U.S. West and Motorola have been eagerly waiting to enter the huge Indian mar-ket of nearly 900 million people, where basic telephone services have been a government monopoloy.

Hardware manufacture and value-added services, such as radio paging and mobile cellular phone systems, have been thrown open.

The policy document and currently there was no even one telephone for every 190 Indians against a world average of 10 for 100.

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India's telephone distribution average per 100 persons is 0.8, compared to 1.7 in Chine, in Pakistan and 13 in Malaysia. Tens of thousands of villages have no phone connections.

By 2000, demand for telephones is expected to grow to 20 million in the country, seen as the largest telcom market after China.

But the task of serving ell Indians on the waiting list for a telephone connection and meeting future demand is beyond the capacity of government funding and internal generation of resources," the

policy document said. It said the aim was to er that all the more than 5003000 villages in India had a phone connection and that a public call office was available for

every 500 Indians by 1997. Private phone companies would have to strike a balance

between covering urban and rural areas, the document said. A company's track recest, its technology, the commercial terms it would offer and the ability to give the "best quality of service to the consumer at the most competitive cost" would determine who gets New Delhi's approval.

Private investment would be supplemented by government efforts to raise additional money to fund a rapid expansion and modernisation of the telecommunications network.

The telecom policy also envisages allowing private com-panies to install an exchange, operate it for a specific period and transfer it to the Department of Telecommunications after recovering investment.

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR MONDAY MAY 16, 1994

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation Follow every rule and regulation that applies to you in whatever GENERAL TENDENCIES: Despite the poor aspect of Moon square Jupiter you have a good

opportunity to handle business matters wisely and make advances in your line of endeavour. Follow every rule and regulation ARIES: (March 21 to April 19)

You are able to gain personal aims easily during the day, but not in the evening when you are not thinking clearly on what needs accomplishing TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

You are able to organise your life more intelligently in the morning, but don't make foolish changes later in the day which you could regret later.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Look to good friends for help in furthering your pet projects dur-ing daytime. Handle dull chores

in the evening hours. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You have a good oppor-tunity now to handle business matters wisely and advance in your line of endeavour. Be opti-

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Plan how to improve your reputation and show that you are an excel-lent citizen. Follow the advice given by a financial expert. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Morning is the best time

for expansion in career activities.

that you can coordinate your efforts more gainfully. Be poised for any situation. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You have to make some changes if you are to gain your aims at this time. Strive

LIBRA: (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) Be sure to keep your past of any contract you have negoni-

ated with others. Try to have

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SCORPIO: (October 23 to

November 21) Try to understand

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to be more successful with any project. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to Ianuary 20) Engage in familiar activities that could bring you pleasure and profit. Take #60 risks where your health is con-

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Try to cooperate with ideas of family members. Make your home more comfort able. Avoid one who gossips and spreads wrong information.

PISCES: (February 20 to Manch 20) Lock to a higher-up for the support you need in a new project you have in mind. This is a good evening for quiet relatation.

Malaysia focuses on fighting inflation

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) --After seven boom years... Malaysia is now fighting inflationary pressures exacerbated by rising spending and pro-fiteering, analysts said Friday. A marathon eliort to fight inflation is underway through a

national campaign to be laun-ched by Prime Minister Mabatbir Mobammad on Thursday, which aims to curb excessive price hikes and get "every Malaysian consumer" to spend less.
The inflation rate of 3.6 per

cent last year was considered relatively low, given the country's 8.5 per cent economic growth rate, but analysts said soaring wages, ample liquidity and arbitrary price increases are putting pressure on prices. Most economists have predicted inflation will rise to 4.2 per cent this year and 4.5 per

cent in 1995. "There is a psychological

trend among our traders that prices of goods must go up every few months regardless of whether there is a genuine rise in inflation," said Ramon

Navaratnam, the chief executive of Bank Buruh. The inflationary trend was reflected by the overall 7.4 per cent hike in prices of noncontrolled foodstuffs in the first quarter, compared to the

corresponding period last year, said Mr. Navaratnam. "These price increases are domestically generated and not import-inflated. Therefore, there should have been more

countervailing action to stop them," Mr. Navaratnam said. A precursor of the main anti-inflation compaign was the classification on Wednesday of bread as a controlled item to expand an inventory of essential consumer goods of which the price cannot be

raised without government

Analysts said the dynamic growth of the Malaysian economy over the last seven years. at an average rate of eight per cent a year, bad led to an estimated 70 to 100 per cent surge in the income of Malaysia's middle and upper classes since 1987.

The boom had also brought an influx of foreign funds meant for capital and money market investments, officials

The Malaysian banking system alone enjoyed a surplus of 7.8 billion ringgit (\$2.9 billion) from total desposits of 9.8 bil-lion ringgit last year while the overall money supply grew by five per cent, officials said.

Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said last week he was confident that a series of measures imposed by the central hank in January to mop up bquidity.

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Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela reach trade agreement be removed on about 40 per

Keizai, Shimbun said.

MEXICO CITY (R) — Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela reached a final accord Friday on a free trade agreement, the Mexican commerce ministry

The accord struck in Bogota between the so-called Group of Three creates a new freetrade bloc in the Americas, following on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and two other deals linking Mexico to Chile and

Costa Rica. "After more than three ears... Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela concluded negotiations in Bogota on a free trade agreement of the so-called G-3 after reaching a final accord on

technical aspects that emerged during a legal revision of the texts." the commerce ministry said in a statement.

"The (G-3) accord would open a market of 50 million inhabitants, who import more than \$20 billion annually, to Mexico's imports," it said. The accord goes into effect

on Jan. 1, 1995, pending legislative approvals in the three countries. It would gradually lower tariffs and other trade barriers

among the three nations. Like NAFTA, it sets standards for commerce and establishes a dispute-resolution mechanism. From Jan. 1, barriers would

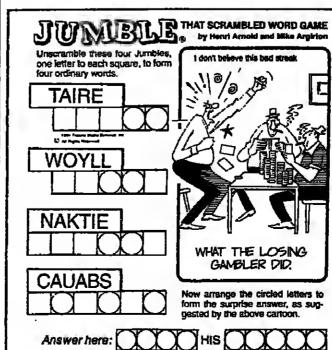
cent of Mexico's exports to Colombia and another set of Colombian trade barriers would be lowered five years Under the deal, Venezuela

is required to gradually dismantle its trade barriers over a period of 10 years. "In the next few days, attor-

neys and negotiators will conclude... their preparations of the legal text to incorporate the results of the negotiathe Mexican ministry

The presidents of the three countries are scheduled to sign the accord next month.

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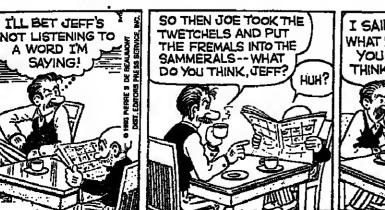
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Syrians and Saudis establish shipping firm

DAMASCUS (R) - Syrian and Saudi businessmen have formed the first joint venture sbipping company between the private sector and the Syrian government, the owners said Saturday.

Mohammad Abdul Salam Haykal, Chairman of the board of directors, said Alsham Shipping Company had a capital of 804 million Syrian pounds (\$19 million) paid in hard currency.

The Saudi Dallah Al Barakah Group has 40.3 per cent of the shares, the government-owned Syrian Marine Company 25 per cent, the Syrian Haykai and Kassab-Bashi Group 22.38 per cent. The rest are owned by Syrian and Saudi businessmen. Mr. Haykal said the company would buy and lease ships to

carry out its operations, locally and internationally, and that all vessels would fly the Syrian flag.

He said details about the oumber of ships to be bought would

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Low oil prices boost bank business in Saudi Arabia They declined by 24 per cent

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risen as Gross Domestic Pro-

duct grew by about five per

cent in 1993 and is expected to

pick up year due to govern-

ment encouragement, he

this year as several government

institutions have not got any

allocations from the 1994

budget," he said, "There were

also no allocations for new

projects and no payments for

several companies. This is forc-

ing them to resort to banks for

financing."
From a large surplus during

the oil boom 15 years ago

Saudi Arabia's budget bas suf-

fered a persistent deficit due to

weak oil prices despite severe

The price drop has also

forced the kingdom to borrow

from abroad and draw onits

In 1994, it has slashed spend-

ing by nearly 19 per cent to \$42.6 billion from \$52.5 billion

in 1993, cutting the projected deficit to about \$1.25 billion

King Fahd, addressing uni-

versity graduates in Riyadh

Monday, confirmed government plans to restructure the

economy to boast the role of

the private sector, which still

account for less than 35 per

attract national capital into its

productive institutions. Such a

move aims to enable citizens to

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lities while the state will retain

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"The government intends to

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ABU DHABI (AFP) — Business is booming for Saudi banks contrary to all expectations as low oil prices force the government to give way to the private sector and rely heavily on domestie borrowing.

The 12 banks in the world's top oil-producing and exporting country made record profits in 1993 following a surge in credits to the public and pri-vate sector and the strong performance will continue in 1994. bankers said.

"Banks in Saudi Arabia are performing well mainly be-cause of high demand for loans from both the private sector and the government," said Henry Azzam, chief economist at the National Commercial Bank (NCB), the largest bank in Saudi Arabia.

"Credits will continue to grow in 1994 as several sectors are booming. This will enable most banks to perform well this year," he told AFP by telephone from NCB headquarters in the Red Sea port of

Figures published by the British magazine Middle East Economic Digest (MEED) showed credits given by Saudi commercial banks rose nearly 13 per cent to 107.3 billion Saudi riyals (\$28.6 billion) by the end of 1993 from 94.5 billion riyals (\$25.2 billion) by

the end of 1992. NCB, which has sharply raised its capital in line with international adequacy standards, emerged as the biggest lender, providing 27.4 billion riyals (\$7.3 billion) by the end

It was followed by the Riyadh Bank, the Saudi American Bank, the National Arab Bank, Al Rajihi Bank and Al Masraf Al Saudi Al Faransi and the Saudi British Bank. -

Mr. Azzam said credits to the industrial sector surged by 31 per cent while they jumped by 30 per cent to the oil sector. 38 per cent to farming, 14 per cent to trade and 3.5 per cent to construction.

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Lebanon central bank vows to keep lira steady

BEIRUT (R) - Bank of Lebanon Governor Riad Salumeh pledged to maintain stability on the Beirut foreign exchange market after a fiveday run on the Lebanese lira caused by the worst political crisis in nearly two years.

An official of the association of banks said Mr. Salameh told a delegation from the association al a routine meeting Friday that the central bank would nor let the market fall prey to anarchy.

Foreign exchange dealers say the bank sold at least \$200 million to hold the Lebanese lira steady ar 1,689.50 to the U.S. dollar during the weeklong run on the local currency.

The lira has strengthened from 2,170 to 1,689.50 to the dollars since Prime Minister Rafik Al Hariri took office in October 1992. Mr. Salameh said the bank was watching the market close-

ly and was ready to provide whatever was needed to guarantee exchange rate stability, the association official told Reuters in a telephone interview. The bank had foreign cur-

rency reserves of \$2.7 billion before the crisis. Lebanese worried about

political stability began switching to dollars Monday after Mr. Hariri began a work stoppage when President Elias Hrawi and parliament speaker Nabih Berri blocked his plans for cabinet changes.

Arabs look to Asia for higher oil exports

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Arab states, which control over 60 per cent of the world's crude, are looking to Asia as a new oil partner as they fear supplies to mdustrial states could be hit by proposed eoergy taxes.

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Gulf states and other key Arab oil-producers believe they will account for most of the projected growth in oil demand in Japan, China and neighbouring countries as reserves in eastern Asia are projected to steadily decline.

An official Arab report said crude demand in rhat region, which has one of the fastest growing economies in the world, would surge to 19.7 million barrels per day (b/d) in the year 2000 from ?4.1 million bid in 1992.

"Those countries currently import around 45 per cent of their oil needs and the level will increase to 66 per cent in the year 2000 given their re-latively small reserves of around 45 billion barrels," said the report by the Cairo-based Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

The rapid economic growth in those countries bas made them the main factor io growth in demand the world oil markets, and producers in the Middle East are their maio source

of supply," it added.

The report gave no figures on supplies but Japan already imports nearly two-thirds of its oil needs from the Middle East. The region also supplies

more than half from the oil needs of Sooth Korea, Singapore, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

China, which has more than half the proven crude reserves in that region, produces around three million b/d but is expected to become a pure importer of crude in coming

Most of the imports will come from the Gulf as it bas already agreed to buy oil from Saudi Arabia and other regionai producers.

Gulf states control more than 90 per cent of the total Arab crude reserves and they bave embarked on projects ic raise output capacity to meet

According to the 10-nation OAPEC, sueb projects will push capacity by around 10 million b/d by the year 2000, more than two-thirds of the total capacity increase in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Assuming the European Union (EU) and other members of the Organisation of Economie Cooperation and Developmeot (OECD) did not go ahead with the proposed carbon tax, world oil demand would grow by 1.5 per cent annually to 75.3 million b/d in the year 2000 from 66.9 millioo b/d in 1992, according to

"If the taxes were enforced, demand would fall by 2.9 million b/d from its projected level in the year 2000 and by 3.4 million b/d in 2010," it said.

sharp criticism from Gulf and other oil-producers, will start with \$3 per imported barrel and rise to \$10 by the year

It was proposed by the EU but its full enforcement binges on approval by the other OECD members, the United States and Japan.

OECD states account for more than 70 per cent of the total world crude oil exports of around 39.7 million b/d. Nearly 41 per cent of OECD imports come from Arab countries, which provide 38 per cent

of the world oil exports.
Gulf and EU foreign ministers discussed the energy taxes at talks in Riyadh last week but differences persisted as the Europeans maiotained the tax was an environmental mea-

Gulf states argued it was only aimed at securing additional revenoes to tackle European budget deficits.

"The carbon tax will boost oil prices for end users and this will lead to an increase in prices of goods and services exported by industrial states. It could also hit world economic growth and depress aid from industrial states to developing countries," OAPEC said.

"Oil-producers could also be forced to revise their plans to raise oil output capacity. This will make prospects of a supply shortage stronger," the report

U.S.said backing Algeria debt rescheduling and taking other steps on the

WASHINGTON (R) - The United States and Japan have agreed to joio France in backing a debt rescheduling for Algeria in an urgent effort to stem an economic crisis and halt rising fundamentalism. French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said Friday.

Speaking at a breakfast with reporters, he said "the consequences would be incalcul-able!!. if Islamic fundamental-

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ists came to power in Algeria and so a move toward democracy must be actively encour-

Mr. Juppe said he and Secretary of State Warren Christopher have agreed that the situation in Algeria is "extremely serious and totally unpredictable."

One approach the interna-tional community can take is "to try to get Algeria out of the

terrible economic crisis that it finds itself in, and which is the consequence of 30 years of socialist management," Mr.

Juppe said. He said successive Algerian governments refused to move on economic reforms, but last summer authorities changed course, negotiating with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the global lending agency, devaluing the currency

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domestic front. "The only thing we can do is to help them in this process,

which in practical terms means a substantial rescheduling of their debt, which is literally strangling them, and I under-stood yesterday that the United States would agree to participate in that rescheduling operation... and Japan also, Mr. Juppe said.

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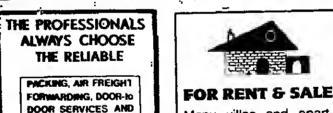
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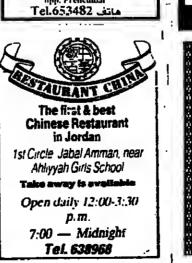
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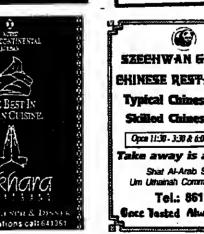
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N. Korea

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SEOUL (R) — North Korea

has begun a refuelling process

in a nuclear reactor without international monitoring, rais-

ing fears it might destroy clues

to whether it is developing

nuclear bombs, South Korean

the IAEA (International Ato-

mic Energy Agency) that it had just begun the refuelling pro-

cess in its five-megawatt reac-

tor at Yongbyon," a Foreign

The ministry issued a state-

ment warning North Korea

that the situation might be

pushed to a catastrophe if it

completed reloading fuel any

Nuclear experts say analys-ing the age of the spent fuel rods is crucial to finding out

how much plutonium, the ing-redient for nuclear bombs,

Pyongyang might bave

The Vienna-based IAEA,

the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog,

believes the eight-year-old

reactor, located at North

Korea's nuclear complex in Yonghyon, 100 kilometres north of Pyongyang, could

hold the key to the Stalinist

state's suspect nuclear prog-

U.S. Defence Secretary Wil-

liam Perry said Friday the

North Koreans had removed

enough spent fuel from a nuc-

lear reactor this week to make

as many as five bombs.
"This time we believe they

have enough spent fuel that

they can make enough pluto-

nium for four or five nuclear

bombs," Mr. Perry said in Wil-

liamsburg, Virginia. He said Washington was dis-

cussing with South Korea,

North Korea and the IAEA

possible steps to prevent the fuel taken out of that reactor

from being converted to mak-

Mr. Perry told the council

that if efforts to inspect the

failed, the United States would

consider recommending trade

sanctions against North Korea.

South Korea's Foreign

Ministry urged the North to

begin talks immediately with

the IAEA to allow it to select

and secure for measurements a

representatiave sample of fuel

rods from the five-megawatt

"The government emphasises to North Korea that tak-

ing of fuel rod samples and

their preservation, as deman-

ded by the IAEA, is crucially

unportant when all fuel rods

are replaced and reminds

North Korea that it should not

drive the matter to a catas-

just started preparing for

"It will take about two

months to complete the re-

fuelling of the reactor and if

the North just started the pro-

cess, the IAEA will still have

time to take steps to carry out

A Seoul official questioned

Mr. Perry's remarks that the

North Koreans had removed

enough fuel to make five nuc-

"That meana the North

should have almost completed

nnloading spent fuel from the

reactor before actually begin-

He said IAEA inspectors

were due to visit the reactor as

well as a radiochemical labora-

tory in Yongbyon which has

facilities to reprocess spent

The IAEA, which said ear-

lier this week that removal of

the fuel rods without inspec-

tors present would leave it with

no option but to call for action

from the U.N. Security Coun-

cil, has said it will send inspec-

tors to North Korea Saturday.

power to impose sanctions.

The Security Council has the

North Korea, which denies

Western allegations it is de-

veloping nuclear weapons, in

March blocked IAEA inspec-

tors from holding tests in the

radiochemical laboratory. But

it recently agreed to let the

IAEA resume inspections to

pave the way for a high-level

meeting with the United

A nuclear expert described

the latest development as se-

rious but said the IAEA could

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"North Korea sent a telex to

officials said Saturday.

'500,000 killed' in Rwanda violence

KIGALI (Agencies) — Aid workers estimated up to half a million people could have died in Rwanda's bloodbath more than double previous figures - and the killing had not stopped.

The latest estimate was given Friday as the U.N. Security Council grappled with a resolution to anthorise a peacekeeping force of 5,500 for Rwanda.

The central African country of eight million people with a history of bitter rivalry between the majority Hutu and the minority Tutsi tribes has been bathed in blood since

April 6.

The killing of Hntu President Juvenal Habyarimana that day set off massacres blamed largely on his army and Hutu death squads targeting Tutsis and suspected government opponents.

A Tutsi-dominated rebel force simultaneously launched ·a spirited offensive. Rebels now control half the hilly country and have encircled the capital, which they shelled

overnight.
The U.N. Assistance Mission In Rwanda (UNAMIR) told Reuters it had no means to verifying the latest figure for the dead.

"Our con ervative estimate is that 500,000 people have been killed in Rwanda since the start of all this (fighting)," said a senior aid official who in the past had given a figure of 200,000 dead.

TOKYO (R) - The leader of

Japan's main opposition said in

an interview published Satur-

day his party might introduce a

motion of no confidence

against the minority govern-

ment soon after the budget is

He said he would not neces-

sarily try to force an immediate

dissolution of parliament, but would wait until a new system

of electoral districts is intro-

"I think we will introduce (a

Liberal Democratic Party

(LDP) President Yohei Kono

told the influential Asabi

"The reason is that this gov-

no-confidence motion),

-passed.

Shimbun.

"Kigali authorities said four days ago that 60,000 bodies bad been evacuated from the capital and buried in mass graves outside the city. Kigali had 350,000 residents before the massacres began.

"We see no reason for that sort of scale of killings not to be the situation in the rest of the country," said the official who declined to be identified on the grounds that it might hinder his organisation's relief operation.

Aid workers told journalists visiting hlood-soaked Kigali the figure was conservative and the true one may never be

They spoke a day after bodies of 88 students were found massacred in the south-ern government-held town of Gikongoro near Butare — the epicentre of Rwanda's latest

Morctar Gueye, spokesman for UNAMIR, told Reuters Saturday the U.N. had no means of verifying the latest estimate of up to half a million

"We have no means of verifying that figure. We just do not know and we cannot comment on it," Mr. Gueye

The latest estimate was the highest at any time in the bloody history of Rwanda, rocked by ethnic conflict since the 1950s

Mr. Gueye said rebels of the Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) and government forces exchanged heavy artillery fire overnight near Kigali's Kanombe International Air-

"It (artillery fighting) went on and off during much of the night. Sporadic fighting is still continuing but there has been a hall in the last few minutes," Mr. Gueye added.

Nearly 100 Rwandan nurses doctors and drivers of the relief organisation Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) have been killed in the country's civil war since mid-April, MSF announced Friday.

The killings happened inside refugee camps, hospitals and medical centres.

An MSF team that visited

the massacre sites said only 40 civilians out of about 2,800 grouped at the Saint Joseph Centre at Kibongo survived a massacre there on April 15.

The others were killed by exploding grenades, rockets, antomatic arms fire or were knifed, between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. They were buried in a mass grave under the bishop-ric's refectory later, the organisation said.

A nurse who had been kidnapped and raped by army troops and beheaded, along with two drivers and a clergyman, was among the victims.

MSF said the killings among its staff were the first since the organisation was created in

The report came as U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Jose Ayala Lasso

China

made an impassioned plea Fri-day for the world to end the "nnimaginable homan tragedy" in Rwanda. Meanwhile, the U.N. Secur-

ity Council reached broad agreement late Friday to send 5.500 troops to Rwanda but the United States will not support the draft resolution until the shape of the mission is defined.

U.S. diplomats said they had no problem with the text on a new peacekeeping force to protect civilians and provide for humanitarian relief sup-

But they said they would not vote for it until there was agreement on where the troops and their equipment, expected to be flown in to Rwanda in U.S. aircraft, would be stationed. Such an agreement need not be in the text but had to be concluded with U.N. officials before a vote.

The United States wants to begin deployment of the new force in border areas while United Nations plans call for them to take control of the

airport in Kigali.

Australia is considering a
U.N. request for a contingent of troops as part of the 5,500 strong force that may be sent to Rwanda, officials said in Canberra i Saturday.

A decision on the request would probably require the approval of cabinet or at least the prime minister and senior ministers covering defence and foreign affairs.



Two Tutsi children matilated by machetes in the country's civil war rest in the ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross) hospital in Kigali (AFP photo)

Sources here say at least 10 Western countries, mostly European, have also been asked to make a contribution along with a number of African countries if the Security Coun-

cil gives the go-ahead.
A Foreign Affairs Depart-

ment spokesman said: "I can confirm that a request has been received from the U.N. in the last few hours, but no decision has been made about it yet.

The spokesman was unable to say how many troops would be contributed.

Muslims gain ground in Bosnia fighting

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — Fighting between Muslim and Serb forces around the northern Bosnian Muslim enclave of Tuzla is intensifying and Muslim troops have gained ground, U.N. sources said Saturday.

U.N. peacekeeping spokes-man Captain Jens Kirk re-ported "rather hectic" tank and artillery duels around Vares Friday which forced U.N. military observers to take shelter five times in as many

In Tuzla, a U.N. source who declined to be identified said Muslim fighters had captured a strategic hill and seven villages from the Serbs near Ribnica Wednesday.

"It appears they have taken a chunk north of Ribnica, we are talking about several

The Bosnian Serb army (BSA) used the Vijenac hilltop as an artillery platform to shell the town of Tuzla and other surrounding Muslim targets.
The sources said the hill was the highest in the Mount Ozren

range which is mostly in Serb hands and its capture was an unusual success for the Muslim forces who can rarely match Serb firepower.

The loss of the hill was not confirmed by the BSA but its command said Muslims were also attacking around Doboj and Teslic further to the west and around Olovo to the

south. The Muslim-led Bosnian government is keeping the 25month war in the former Yugoslav republic ticking over with attacks on the Serbs despite intensifying international efforts to halt the fighting.

Foreign minister from the West and Russia, adopting a joint strategy for the first time, told the rivals in Geneva Friday to accept a four-month ceasefire and start negotiating within the next two weeks.

The ministers, including U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Russia's Andrei Kozyrev, endorsed an existing peace plan giving Bosmia's Serb 49 per cent of the country with Muslims and Croats taking 51 per cent.

Serbs, who control 70 per cent of Bosnia, want a lasting truce and Muslims only a limited one, fearing an extended period of time would only ce-

ment Serb gains.
Bosnian Serb leaders have rejected claims by the new Muslim-Croat Federation to 58 per cent.

They bave in the past offered to make concessions while stressing it would be difficult to persuade the Bosnian Serb population to agree to any return of land.

Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic said the plan presented by seven foreign ministers Friday lacked mechanisms to force Bosnian Serbs to negotiate in good faith and relinquish territory.

He said the plan, which envisages Bosnian Serbs retaining 49 per cent of Bosnian

territory with Muslims and Croats sharing the remaining 51 per cent between them, should be backed up by an international threat of force.

Mr. Christopher denied the suggestion Saturday saying: "We'll be working very hard to achieve a reasonable basis of settlement for both the parties but particularly I think we feel a special responsibility to the Bosnian side to try to assist them in achieving a reasonable relationship."

U.N. peacekeepers said they were looking for two foreign aid workers, believed to be from Sarajevo, who went missing west of Sarajevo and have not been beard of since Sun-

Meanwhile, the Bosnian Muslim government and Bosman Croat re Saturday marked their agreement to set up a federation in Bosnia-Herzegovina with a ceremony in the presence, Mr. Christopher.

Also present at the cere-mony in the U.S. embassy in Geneva, and representing the government in Zagreh, was the Croatian Foreign Minister Mate Granic.

Mr. Christopher said the federation agreement, which has been negotiated step-bystep over the last two months in Bonn, Vienna and Washington under the auspices of speeial U.S. envoy for ex-Yugoslavia Charles Redman, was "already paying dividends" in terms of peace and humanitarian relief.

trophe by unilaterally replac-ing the fuel rods," it said. A senior government official said North Korea did not make it clear whether it had physically replaced fuel rods or had

New Haiti president aides discuss cabinet thrown in a bloody military

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (R) — Haiti's army-backed provisional president huddled in the national palace with advisors Friday, formulating policy and discussing names of potential ministers for his pariah government.

An aide to Emile Jonassaint said the octogenarian Supreme Court judge was deliberating over picking a prime minister and other cabinet positions but was unable to say when any announcement would be

"He's going to start to (discuss) the measures he needs to give priority," said Mireille Durocher Bertin, Judge Jonassaint's chief of staff and a lawyer close to the Haitian military.

Several of those mentioned as possible ministerial candidates served under previous military-backed governments.

The United States said it will revoke the visas and freeze the assets of anybody involved with the new regime. Ms. Durocher Bertin's visa has already been revoked.

Haiti's military and a group of renegade lawmakers instal-led Judge Jonassaint, 81, as president at the country's parliament Wednesday. President Bill Clinton and some senior Haitian political figures denonnced the move as illegal and unconstitutional. The United Nations has

given Haiti's military leaders antil May 21 to resign or face a tightening of the oil embargo imposed on them in October. The embargo is designed to

force Lieutenant General Raoul Cedras and other members of the army's top brass into allowing the country's ousted president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, to return to power. Mr. Aristide was overcoup two and a half years ago. Judge Jonassaint's appointees will take over office space vacated by the legitimate ministers in the government of Mr. Aristide's acting Prime Minister Robert Malval. Mr. Malval instructed the ministers not to go to their offices to prevent any incidents, aides

The Presidential Guard Corps who provided Mr. Malval with security abandoned the highly respected publisher and his aides after Judge Jonassaint was installed.

In other developments Friday, the United States stopped issuing non-immigrant visas at its consulate in Port-Au-Prince. The embassy closed the non-immigrant visa section, effectively preventing any Haitians not previously holding visas from going to the

Taiwan not satisfied with China boat probe

TAIPEI (R) — A Taiwanese delegation returned from China Saturday investigating the murders of 24 Taiwanese tourists and questioned again the Chinese probe into the inci-

The semi-official Straits Exchange Foundation, organisers of the delegation, said in a statement that "although mainland Chinese leaders insisted that there would be 'no cover-up,' the mainland anthoritias' handling of the case

has been most unsatisfactory." The foundation said the mainland side rejected requests to examine the autopsy. reports and other important

evidence. and eight mainland Chinese were killed on Qiandao Lake

on March 31. The foundation said it raised more than 200 questions but only some of them were answered by the mainland

in coastal Zheijang province

It said it mentioned several major suspicious points, including that probably more than three persons were involved in the actual attack and that some members of the gang

China has said the three suspects and their alleged accomplice were motivated by robbery, but Taiwanese intelligence reports have alleged that renegade chinese soldiers were involved in the murder and arson attack. Beijing has denied this.

Roseanne Arnold files for divorce, again LOS ANGELES (R) - Tele-

vision star Roseanne Arnold filed for divorce Friday from her husband Tom Arnold for the second time in less than a month, citing irreconcilable differences. The filing in Los Angeles Superior Court came a little less than a month since Arnold made an earlier divorce filing, only to announce a few days later that she was attempting a reconciliation with her husband. The first filing, made in the same court on April 18, alleged that Arnold, star of the hit ABC Television comedy series Roseanne was a battered wife. The papers filed Friday offered no explanation as to why the reconciliation failed. As in her April filing, Arnold, 41, said Friday the couple has been separated since Dec. 6, 1993. Tom Arnold, 35, is the star of Tom, a television series on CBS that has little ratings success. In a sworn declaration filed with her first divorce petition last month, Roseanné Arnold said: "I now realise that I have been a classic battered and abused wife." News reports at the time of the first filing said Arnold had fired her husband as executive producer of her show, cut up his credit cards and posted security guards ontside the couple's office and their home in the exclusive Brentwood section of Los Angeles.

Warholites hold. Pittsburgh bash for museum

night hosted a swank party with many of the pop artist's eccentric friends and wellknown celebrities in attendance. The party was a kick-off to a weekend-long celehration honouring the Pittsburgh native, who has come to symbolise "pop culture". Starting Saturday at midnight, the largest single-artist museum in the United States will open its doors and can be viewed free by the public until midnight Sunday night. Bus tours of Warhol's hirthplace and a street fair Sunday will also be a part of the weekend festivities. Warhol's well-known passion for celebrities is reflected in e of the museum. which displays his posters of Rolling Stones singer Mick Jagger, vocalists Grace Jones. Liza Minnelli and author Truman Capote. Actor Dennis Hopper, who came to Pittshurgh for the opening, said his had heen a longstanding friendship with the celebrated artist. "My first wife and I threw Andy his first party in Hollywood before he began making his films." said Hopper, now a director in his own right. Other notables who remembered Warhol included his Muse Ultraviolet, a painter and a self-appointed "Warhol groupie," who arrived at the party in a sequined purple dress. "Through Andy, I re-vealed myself," she said. "A lot of people revealed themselves through Andy. He often comes to me in my dreams." Friends of Warhol recalled that he was obsessed with fame, money, and with his looks. which he altered through? cosmetic surgery and his trademark wig. John Waters. director of the film Hairspray and the current box-office hit Serial Mom. said "I think he

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students

LONDON (AFP) - A German company which organises summer language courses for young Germans has asked

rnment has nothing to do with will of the people, also, it has only 40 per cent of the seats in the lower house." current electoral system. "Passing the budget is essential from the point of view of

Japan opposition hints at

early no-confidence vote

the people's livelihood. We must carry on with the hudget debate. But whether we introduce a motion of no confidence after it has passed is a separate

A motion to topple Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata's govcrnment, now just over two weeks old, would be a major step in the LDP's campaign to grab back power from the

coalition that displaced it last summer from nearly four decades of unbroken rule. If the chamber passed a no-

confidence vote, Mr. Hata would face two choices — to call snap general elections or

The crucial issue is timing. The LDP and other opposition parties have agreed to help pass the long-overdue national budget for the fiscal year that started on April 1. It is now expected to pass by the time the current parliamentary session closes at the end of

opposition parties — as it would take place under Japan's

electoral system from the current medium-sized districts. with several representatives one-member constituencies and proportional representa-

Bryer for Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (R) - President Bill Clinton nominated Federal Judge Stephen Breyer to the U.S. Supreme Court Friday, choosing a renowned iurist with hipartisan hacking over two old friends who might have stirred controversy.

"Without dispute, he (Breyer) is one of the out-standing jurists of our age. He has a clear grasp of the law, a boundless respect for the constitution... a searching and restless intellect," Mr. Clinton said in announcing his choice. Boston shortly after Mr. Clinton's White House Rose Garden statement, Judge Breyer said: "I believe very deeply... in the constitution, the laws of the United States and the way

 almost a foregone conclusion, judging from Republican and Democratic applause for the nomination — the 55-year old jurist would succeed retiring Justice Harry Blackmun on the nine-member court that defines the basic rights and

In choosing Judge Breyer, runner-up to Ruth Bader Ginsburg when Mr. Clinton made his first Supreme Court nomination last year, the Democratic president hypassed Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Arkansas Judge Richard Arnold, both longtime friends and allies.

Mr. Clinton said he "couldn't bear to lose" Mr. Babbitt from his cabinet, and was concerned about Judge Arnold's health. The Little Rock lawyer has suffered for years from a non-fatal form of cancer, and White House officials said he would be undergoing further treatment for the

An election soon after that would be likely to benefit the

LDP and the Socialists — the largest and second largest

Political reform bills passed in January changed Japan's each, to a mixture of smaller

The new system will reduce the need for the lavish campaign spending seen as the root cause of rampant political cor-

wants, given his push for

Indicating that Judge Breyer

Judge Breyer served as the

panel's chief counsel before be

was named to the federal

bench by President Jimmy Car-

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Brever well... He's a fine man,

he's very honest, be's compas-

sionate, he's got a big heart...

and I think he'll make a

wonderful addition to the Sup-

reme Court," Sen. Hatch said.

came from Democratic Sena-

tor Howard Metzenbaum of

Ohio, but even he conceded

that Judge Breyer was a shoo-

law and economic regulation at

Harvard Law School for 10

years, and also taught for much

of the same time at Harvard's

John F. Kennedy School of

The only discordant note

"Everybody on the Judiciary

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Clinton taps Judge Stephen

Although Mr. Clinton insisted either Mr. Bahbitt or Mr. Arnold would have been approved by the Senate, both had political or personal drawbacks that might have provoked a confirmation fight the last thing the president

Speaking to reporters in m which they touch the lives of

ordinary people." If confirmed by the Senate restrictions of American life.

in for the court. "I think he'll be confirmed, but some of his writings about small business, and the need to protect small business, or his failure to see the need to protect small business, give me cause for concern," Sen. Metzenbaum said. Judge Breyer was a professor of antitrust, administrative

frees top 2 dissidents of 1989 protests

BEIJING (R) — China Satur-day announced it had freed the second of two "black hands" behind the 1989 Tiananmen protests in a move diplomats said could both save U.S. trade privileges and put political ghosts to rest.

Chen Ziming, a 41-year-old intellectual sentenced to 13 years in prison for counterrevolution in 1991, was paroled for medical treatment late Friday, the official Xinhua News

Agency said. His family said Mr. Chen was weak but in good spirits and had been sent to receive medical care ontside of Beijing with his wife for about 20 days - nntil after the fifth anniversary of the bloody crackdown around Tiananmen

Square on June 4. "They originally wanted to send them abroad, but Mr. Chen said he wanted to stay in China." his sister, Chen Zihua, said by telephone. "He was positive, but you could see he

was tired." Mr. Chen's release follows the April 23 parole of fellow "black hand" Wang Juntao, who was sent immediately to the United States for medical

> Diplomats said that by releasing both men, Beijing was making a clear effort to meet U.S. concerns on human rights, a pivotal factor as President Bill Clinton makes his decision in coming weeks on extending China's most favoured nation (MFN) trade

was the safer political choice, Senate Republican leader Bob While China rejects the link Dole called him "top notch" between trade and rights, it has and Senator Orrin Hatch of been warned repeatedly by Utah, ranking Republican on U.S. officials it may lose prethe Senate Judiciary Commitferential access to its largest tee, said he would sail through market unless concessions are

> The release also appeared to part of a move to put to rest some of the last remaining ghosts from the Tiananmen tragedy, an incident China's President Jiang Zemin said Thursday was "a bad thing

turned good". Mr. Jiang's comments, a rare direct reference to the army's killing of unarmed pro-testers in 1989, said Beijing's quick action then had saved the country from chaos and prepared it for the remarkable economic leap it has recorded since then.

"As a result, our reform and opening programme has forged ahead with steadier, better and even quicker steps, and our advantages have been brought into fuller play," Mr. Jiang told visiting Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad.

Diplomats and political

analysts said Mr. Jiang's re-

marks, combined with the release of Mr. Chen, could signal hopes among Beijing's lead-ership that the Tiananmen crackdown can finally be condocuments. It said the delegation was signed to history.

not allowed to interview witnesses and four men arrested for their alleged involvement in the arson attack on a pleasure boat in which the tourists

were probably not ordinary

The foundation added that the boat appeared to have been set on fire twice and that there had been tampering with

This was the first time since the attack that a Taiwanese negotiator with China and crime experts were allowed to visit the mainland to study the Chinese investigation into the incident, which has strained hilateral ties.

opening PITTSBURGH (R) — The Andy Warhol Museum Friday

was really handsome. He had a great look." No beef for young German

families putting them up not to serve beef to their guests, a spokesman said Friday. Europartner said it feared that parents, worried by the German government's campaign against British beef imports, would refuse to send their children to Britain. Bonn is concerned because bovine spongiform encephalopathy, so-called "mad cow" disease, can be transmitted to man. The majority of cases in cattle bave been detected in Britain. Several hundred families who regularly welcome students into their homes in the summer . holidays have received a letter to that effect. "There is a lot of media coverage about mad cow disease in Germany at the moment and many people are very nervous about it. There was a real concern that there may be a mass cancellation of bookings, and Europartner has to remain competitive" spokeswoman Jennie Parsons said. The German authorities have threatened to take unilateral measures to drastically limit imports of British beef

By Aleen Bannayan

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Al Jazireh are set

to clinch the first of the sea-

son's basketball titles Sunday

when they clash with Al Ahli in

the final match of the under-22

basketbalt compedition orga-

nised by the Jordan Baskethall

As their first-leg encounter had ended 82-66 for Al

Jazireh, Al Ahli have a hard

task ahead as they will have to

score a win with a margin of

over 16 points to clinch the

the competition in which nine

teams took part: Al Ahli, Al

Ahbasi, Yarmouk, Homent-

men, Abu Nusair, Al Jazireh.

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final round with Al Jazireh, Al

Ahli and Ahhasi bur, accord-

ing to JBF tegulations, were

barred from playing the rest of

their matches and lost fourth

place honours after withdraw-

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Jazireh, Ahli vie to win 1st '94 basketball title

Jazireh. They had no obstacles scoring impressive and convincing victories. Their final round wins were 83-32 (41-17) and 91-55 (57-29) over Al Abbasi and 91-47 (51-22) over Al Jabil.

Al Ahli's well experienced players Mohammad and Taimour Shamali, Ramez Hammoudeh, Wisam Nino, Zeid Alkhas, Faisal Nsour and Riyad Ayesh had a very easy path during the preliminary round where they seored crushing victories of 125-71 over Al Yarmouk; 160-43 over Abu Nusair; 140-55 over Homentmen and 98-65 over Al

Ahbasi. Al Jazireh's ambitious team. led by Ghaith Ennabi and new recruit Naser Alawneh have led their team with an unbeaten record throughout the competition. They scored impressive wins in the final round: 109-47 (57-19) win over Al Jalil and 82-56 (40-28) over Al Ahbasi. Still they had a more difficult path overcoming Al Watani 91-62; At Jalil 84-75 and Gazzet Hashem 116-36 in

The top four teams have a goal in mind as they start the 1994 haskethall season.

Abbasi, formerly a lowly second division club, qualified to the final round after losing only to Al Ahli. Their young team has been playing with greater confidence since they beat Al Orthodoxi to elinch third place in the 1993 U-19 competition back in January.

The team will play in the second division this year where they hope to be able to overcome competition from Al Yarmouk and others and be promoted to the first divison. Al Jalit, a usual third place finisher in the first division. ended up fourth last year. They will attempt to keep an advanced standing in the sea-

Al Jazireh will again attempt to elinch the most titles. Last year they won the boys U-14 and U-16 titles, finished second in the U-19 competition, third in the first division and won the women's cham-

Bulls, Rockets win to avoid falling behind 3-0 in playoffs

CHICAGO (R) - The Chicago Bulls and Houston Rockets won the games they had to Friday, avoiding falling behind 3-0 in their best-of-seven play-

In Chicago, Toni Kukoc's long turnaround jumper at the huzzer lifted the Bulls to a 104-102 victory, spoiling another furious Knicks fourthquarter comeback and cutting New York's lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals to 2-1.

In Phoenix, Vernon Maxwell scored 31 of his 34 points in the second half as Houston beat the Suns 118-102, rebounding from a devastating home loss in game two.

The Chicago game was a wild one that saw the third New York fourth-quarter comeback in three games, a benchclearing melee and a quarrel between Bulls star Scottle Pippen and coach phil Jackson that resulted in Pippen sitting,

out the deciding play. New York had outscored Chicago 32-13 in the fourth quarter to tie the game at

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this column has preached that aces were meant to capture kings. But even advice that would receive uni-

versal endorsement must be qualified by commun sense—up one can forse every possibility that might

notee every possibility that inqui-arise. Not many players would choose to open the South hand with three-spades. With a king and a wid out-side the trump will, the hand is to-sirong, both defensively, and offen-sively. However, no harm was done even though North's acc-king of clubs were almost wasted values.

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102-102 before Kukoc's gamewinning jumper.

Patrick Ewing's hook shot in the lane with 1.8 seconds remaining tied the game at 102-

After Ewing's game-tying basket, Pete Myers inbounded the ball at midcourt. Kukoc caught the looping pass, turned and hit the shot from beyond the top of the key as time

"All you can do is shoot hall and hope it's going to go in," said Kukoc. "There was nothing much to think about after I caught the pass."

Knicks starting point guard Derek Harper and Chicago backup guard Jo Jo English were ejected for fighting with 2:41 left in the second quarter. Then coaches, players and even courtside security jumped in to break up the melec.

Said Riley: "From the time English came in the taunted Harner and mitiated contact Derek should have maintained control. Now the gods in the league office will take care of

West led the king of hearts, taken

by the ace. After discarding a heart on the king of clubs, the internal-solidity of the combined diamond

holding boded well for smooth sailnoiding board will fir smooth sau-ing. Since the contract could almost be claimed if trumps were 2-1, de-clarer led a trump to the king. East's dinmond discard was a sore

blow. Furtunately, West came to de-clarer's rescue by winning the ace.

Since a heart return would set up a trick for declarer in that suit and a diamond shift and continuation would cost a natural trump trick,

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Declarer was quick to take advan-tage of the extra entry to dummy that provided. A diamond was dis-carded on the acc of clubs and the yack of diamonds was led. East did as well as possible by rising with the acc and forcing declarer with a club. South countered by ruffing high and leading a low trump. West could win the jack, but dummy's remaining trump served as an entry to finesse for the outer of diamonds and land

for the queen of diamonds and land

the game. Note that, if West refuses the first

rump, the contract must go down.
West can be thrown in with a trump,
but that defender can draw another
round of trumps and then exit with
any card and, harring an egregious
error by East, declarer must lose two
diamonds.

West elected to return a club

GOREN BRIDGE

BEWARE OF BRIDGE GURUS

Hakeem Olajuwon had 26 points, 15 rebounds and six blocks for Houston, which had set an NBA playoff record by blowing a 20-point fourthquarter lead in a 124-117 over-

time loss Wednesday. Phoenix, which lost in the NBA finals to Chicago last season, suffered its first loss in six playoff games this season. Kevin Johnson scored 26 of his 38 points in the second half

for the Suns. Charles Barkley, who averaged just over 33 points in the first five post-season games. was held to 18 points with just two in the second half. He made only 1-of-8 field goals after intermission.

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Sulayem to focus on World Championship after winning his fifth Jordan Rally title

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By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Kingdom's most prestigious sporting event - the two-day, 981-kilometre Jordan International Rally is now over with six-time Middle East rally champion Mohammad Bin Sulavem of the United Arab Emirates driving his Ford Escort RS Cosworth to victory and his fifth Jordan Rally title.

It was Bin Sulayem's 29th international rally win. His compatriot Khalifa Al Mutaywi in a Toyota Celicu GT 4 came in second followed hy Saudi Arabia's Abdullah Bakhashab in another Toyota Celica GT 4 in third place.

Jordan's Bashar Bustami and co-driver Malek Hariri finished fourth in their Ford Sierra Cosworth.

Though a 38-car strong international field of entrants made the start of the rally, the winners of the top positions came as no hig surprise as triumph in such an event requires experience, a powerful car and good sponsorship.

Despite a number of serious contenders, Bin Sulayem. 33. who holds the Jordan Rally record for most wins was favoured to again clinch the title of the rally which he describes as his most fevourite because it was in Jordan where he won his first ever international title in 1984.

After winning the Middle East rally championship for six years in succession from 1986. Bin Sulayem joined the World Rally Championship scene in 1992, establishing his name as the most successful driver to

emerge from the Arah World. On Friday, Bin Sulavem's 12 years of rallying experience paid off. With usual co-driver Ronan Morgan back home in freland for a family weeding, he teamed with new co-driver Phillip Mills who was severely under the weather with a high temperature throughout the tiring two-day event.

Sulayem, who last won the title in 1990, made the start only three days after his second place finish at the Corsica Rai-

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ly in his bid for a 29th international rally win.

In a post-rally press confer-ence. Bin Sulayem told reporters that he did not rely on notes from his ill co-driver and had to depend on experience und instinct to get through the

"There were many times when I was about to pull out of the rally, but Phillip was determined to go on, so I'm glad for him for winning the rally," Sulayem told reporters.

Sulayem was about two minutes benind fin: leg leader Sheikh Suheil Bin Khalifa Al Maktourn after the first day. However he took the lead in special stage 13 Friday when A! Maktoum dropped out of the rally due to mechanical faikare.

"I enjoyed the rally. There

were many superh stages. But I only took part because it is special to me. It was here exactly 10 years ago when I wen my first international rally. However, I am now concentrating on the World Championship," said Sulayem, who will not contest the next two rounds of the regional series in Leganon and Oman, though he will line up in December's final event, the Duhai International Rally, which he has won seven times in the last nine

years. Another win on bome territory would give the six-time former Middle East champion a total of 55 points which will not be an easy targel to beat, as emphasised last year when Qatar's Sheikh Hamad Al Thani won the title with 33pts.

The rally star was loudly cheered when it was revealed that he had opted a delay during Thursday's first leg to transport clerk of the course Ziad Louza to hospital after a serious accident.

Second placed Khalifa Al Mutaywi made up for fellow Victory Rally teammate Al Maktoum's retirement by winning second place.

Their Dubai-hased team is a strong contender for the 1994 FIA Middle East Championship following their triumphant debut in the Oatar Internadonal Rally where Al Maktoum won the title and Mutaywi finished fourth after his first international rally

appearance. The learn was one of the most well-equipped in the Jor-dan Rally with two rally cars, two practice cars, three service vehicles and two management cars aiming to guide Toyota to the Middle East manufacturer's title for the eighth time in

Maktoum and Mutaywi's group A Toyotas were origi-nally designed for the gruelling Kenya Safari rally and have been built to last hy top mechanics and engineers at Toyota team Europe in Cologne.

Third placed Saudi Bakhashah now on the Marihoro Middle East Championship team in his Toyota Celica GT 4 is the current group N leader.

The 25-year-old promisin Saudi won the 1993 regional cup for production cars in the Duhai International Rally in December after a long hardfought battle during the 1993

During the past season he won third overall and first in group N in Oman and came second in group N in Qatar. But this start was followed by two disappointing events when Bakhashab was leading his group in the Jordan Rally be-fore retiring early on the second day when his car's engine hlew up. And in Lebanon, he went out on the fourth stage of the first day on the twisty tarmac roads.

Jordanian Bustami's fourth place finish will definitely definetly strengthen his chances for the Kingdom's championship title after he won the season's first event - the National Rally in March.

He has been one of the Kingdom's top drivers for the past years finishing fourth overall behind Ahmad Daoud, Tareq Tabaa, and champion Amiad Farrah in 1993. Bustami, who was sponsored

by the Forte Grand Hotel daring the international rally, stressed that it was every Jordanian competitor's dream to win the event but that would not be possible with the limited facilities and sponsorship, and lack of it in most cases.

Farrah who had finished third in last year's Jordan Rally missed the event due to lack of sponsorship this season.

The event has not yet been won by a Jordanian. The best result was Nahil Dirani's second place finish in 1981. The Lehanese women's

team of Hanady Salloum and Rita Za'rour finished their first ever desert rally in their Peugeot 205 GTi and won the

ladies cup.
"We did not compete in order to defeat Mohammad (Bin Sulayem)." Lehanon's sportswoman of the year Salloum told a cheering crowd of reporters and officials after the rally's champion got up to give her his seat. "We wanted to finish the rally, so we are happy with our achievement. It was a good experience for us and we hope to do much better

next time.' The rally's biggest upset was overnight rally leader Al Maktoum's retirement in the first desert stage Dutch Coen Vink also dropped out due to engine overheating in special stage 16 at Hasa after maintaining a top

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tion and 25 cars - including

the rally's two women's teams

- trecked the rough desert

return route of the last five

stages of the rally - known as

the best, yet probably toughest, of the Middle East rallies

which include Dubai, Qatar,

A total of 32 compectors

made Friday's restart of the

second leg. Three competitors

did not start the rally Friday,

while three others had retired

in the first leg in which SS6 9

and 10 were considered road

sections after rocks were

hurled from the roadsides hy

Ireland's Riebie Holfeld was

excluded from the rally after a

spot check revealed that

wheel, rim and tire sizes were

illegal.
The UAE's Rashed Bin

Ghurah was one of the first

casualties of Friday's desert

The rally's youngest com-

petitors was England's Jane

Gunningham, 19, who had

finished 10th in the Qatar Ral-

ly last month. Compatriot Gra-

ham Middleton in a Toyota

Celica GT 4 teamed up with

Jordanian co-driver Faisal Sa-

Ammar Hijazi and Asem Aref

retired at SS 14 due to mecha-

At \$\$ 15, Hafira, the longest

stage at 38.22 kilometres, Jor-

ped out of the competition. At

stage 16 at Hasa, the rally's most unusual car, a Volvo 242

GT, driven by Kuwait-based Lester Featherstonehaugh

During the first day asphalt stages of the rally, Al Mak-

toum with co-driver Khaled

Malek had established a first

place though slim, lead over

Some 38 out of an original 46

registered entrants started the

Bin Salayem and Vink.

dropped out of the rally.

dan's Tareq Tabaa also drop-

nical problems.

Two Jordanian drivers

troublemaking "fans."

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final two stages.

The rally's first retirement was Belgian Freddie Loix who had to pull out after mechanics failed to repair the broken gearbox of his Open Astra OS after the first stage. England's Pablo Raybould's

MG Maestro had mechanical orohlems and he became the first Briosh retirement after a number of delays and a broken windscreen at SS4 at Ras Al

Top ten places after the first leg were: Maktoum, Sulayem, Vink, Tsouloftas, Bakashab Bustanu. Nocholas Min Mutaywi, Guy Colsoul and Bir Gurab.

Although this year's rally has been acclaimed as one of the best in years grouping a top lineup of competitors from Europe and the Middle East the Kingdom's most prestigious sporting event was riddled with many incidents and major withdrawals prior to the start, casting a light shadow on the highly competitive pre-

liminary entry list. Titleholder and reigning 1993 Middle East champion Sheikh Hamad Al Thani of Qatar, compatriot Nasser Al Attiya, Italy's Franco Corradin, and 1981-82 Jordan Rally champion Michel Saleh of Lebanon withdrew due to varied reasons.

Other withdrawals included Lebanon's Jean-Pierre Nasrallah, and Jordan's Ra'ed Sham'oun and Zeid Asfour.

Camel — one of the main sponsors of the World Chamsponsoring the Jordan Rally in

RACJ are hopoeful that the Jordan International Raily will soon form one of the 10 rounds of the World Rally Championship. This year the International Automobile Federation (FIA) appointed Ricardo Cecci of Italy, one of five officials who specialise in the World Championship rallies, as the official inspector of the

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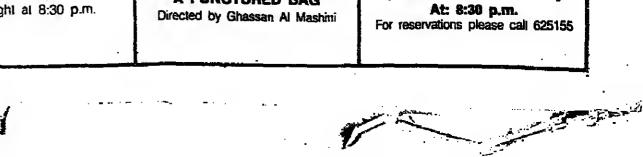
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U.S. gives PLO \$5m to ease cash crisis

CAIRO (R) — The United States gave \$5 million to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) on Saturday to ease the nrganisatinn's acute cash shortage as it takes control of the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho. The money, pledged to the Palestinian anthority which will administer the autonomous Gaza-Jericho areas, was presented to PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath at the U.S. embassy in Cairo. "This money will finance goods and services to be used in the start-up phase, such as police officer salaries, transport of police units to Gaza and Jericho, food, fuel, temporary lodging and apparel," an embassy statement said. The PLO is so short of money that Dr. Shaath said on Thursday be had to use the \$5 million pledge as collateral against an emergency \$60,000 loan from Cairo banks to get the self-rule process nving. An embassy statement said the contribution was part c: a total U.S. pledge of \$500 million over five years in support of the PLO-Israel declaration of principles. It has already delivered the first 24 of 200 vehicles offered to the police force, which began deployment in Gaza on Tuesday. Dr. Shaath said on Thursday other foreign donors, including European nations, Japan and Korea, had stepped in at the last minute to save the PLO from financial collapse.

Scotland Yard to probe Somalia theft

LONDON (AFP) - Scotland Yard detectives are to investigate the theft of \$4 million from the United Nations headquarters in Somalia, a police spokeswoman said Saturday. A team from the Yard's international and organised crime squad will fly to the Somali capital, Mogadishu, early next week, said a spokesman. The U.N. called in Scotland Yard after the cash, used to pay the international organisa-tion's staff in the strife-torn African state, where there are few banking facilities, disappeared from a filing cabinet at its main compound in Mogadishu a month ago. The spokeswoman stressed it was not unusual for international agencies to draw upon the expertise of Scotland Yard officers in investigating crime abroad. But, although Scotland Yard detectives would question and possibly fingerprint suspects, they were not authorised to make arrests, she said.

Kazakh premier visits Iran

TEHRAN (AFP) — Kazakhstan's Prime Minister Sergei Terchenko arrived here for a three-day visit to discuss ways of implementing economic and trade agreements. Mr. Terchenko, accompanied by a high-level political and economic delegation including the ministers of energy, trade and transportation, was greeted at the airport by Vice President Hassan Habibi. He told reporters that his visit was aimed at boosting bilateral relations and speeding np cooperation in various fields — including zir, sea and road transportation. Mr. Habibi said the two countries would discuss implementation of accords already reached during visits to Alma Ata last October by President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, and to Tehran by the Kazakh leader, Nursultan Nazarbayev, in November 1992. An official from the Kazakh embessy in Tehran told AFP that his country and Iran would also discuss

Iran vaccinates millions against pollo

NICOSIA (R) - Hundreds of thousands of health workers and valunteers went door to door in Iran on Friday, vaccinating children under five against polio and giving each family a packet of iodised salt, Yelstan Radio said. Iranian officials say they hope the vaccination, combined with a similar one-day drive four weeks ago, would over: all 10 million Iranian children under five. Health Minister Alireza Marandi told the radio preventing measures had lowered the incidence of polic, a viral infection that can lead to paralysis or death, but the oral vaccination campaign was designed to eradicate it from Iran altogether. He said 15 million of Iran's 60 million people suffered from iodine deficiency and the handing out of iodined salt was meant to encourage people to use it instead of normal salt. Iodine deficiency can disrupt normal physical and mental growth. Tehran Radio said more than 300,000 health workers and paramilitary volunteers took part in the vaccination drive across Iran.

European union to establish Jericho office

TUNIS (R) — The European Union has decided to establish an office in Jericho in order to help implement the Palestinian-Israeli peace deal, European Commission Vice-President Manuel Marin said on Friday. The EU has decided to establish all its technical delegation in Jericho to work with the Palestinian government or authority," Mr. Marin told journalists after signing agreements on aid with Yasser Arafat. "From there, all should be done to make successful this experience of peace in the Middle East, which is, along with the abolition of apartheid in South Africa, the best good news of the end of the century," he said. "We thank the EU for this continuous and permanent help at this historical moment in rebuilding our state," said Mr. Arafat, who was standing beside Mr. Marin. The aid agreements promise 10 million ECUs (\$12 million) for running the Palestinian police force and 1.8 million ECUs (\$2 million) aid for election costs. EU aid to the Palestinians was about 100 million ECUs last year and is expected to total \$500 million ECUs in 1994-1998.

Saudis assure the Philippines of support

MANILA (R) - Philippine President Fidel Ramos was assured of Saudi Arabia's continued support for the country's economic goals, a palace statement said on Saturday, quoting visiting Oil Minister Hisham Nazer. Mr. Nazer, who arrived in Manila on Friday for a three-day visit, said Saudi Arabia would like to "cooperate with the Philippine government economically and in all fields." He carried a letter from King Fahd Ben Abdul Aziz stating explicitly their support for Manila. The oil minister also said they were pleased with the conclusion of a partnership deal between oil giant Aramco and the Philippine National Oil Company. Aramco won last year a 40 per cent of Philippine National Oil Co's stake in whollyowned Petron Corp., the country's largest oil refiner.

Britain seeks explanation over Qatar flogging

LONDON (R) - The British Foreign Office said Saturday it was seeking an explanation from Qatar for the flogging in secret of a British citizen this week despite appeals for clemency. "Our ambassador in Qatar, Mr. Patrick Wogan, will be calling on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to seek an explanation," a Foreign Office spokesman said. He said an embassy official had applied for permission to visit Gavin Sherrard-Smith, a 30-year-old computer technician, as soon as possible in prison in Doha. The spokesman said the Foreign Office had not been informed of the flogging either in advance or since the punishment was carried out on Tuesday. The news came on Friday from Sherrard-Smith's father who had received a letter from his son. Mr. Sherrard-Smith wrote to his father: "Got my 50 on Tuesday. All nkay. Glad it's over." The lashes were part of a sentence handed down by an Islamic court for selling alcohol to a Qatari man. Mr. Sherrard-Smith, who was arrested last November, was also sentenced to six months in jail and ordered to be deported at the end of his jail term. Qatar allows westerners to drink only at home and strictly controls the sale of alcohol.

Turkish forces kili 15 Kurdish rebeis

ISTANBUL (R) — Turkish troops killed 15 Kurdish rebels in the southeast on Saturday, officials said. They said 13 Kurdish, Labour Party (PKK) members were killed in a district of Siirt. Two were killed in Diyarbakir and Sirnak. Six PKK guerrillas surrendered to police and seven were arrested in various districts of the region. The PKK's fight in Turkey's eastern and southeastern regions has killed more than II,600 people since the campaign for a separate state began in 1984.

Hariri seeks way to return to work

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Al Hariri searched on Saturday for a way to end his week-long work stoppage without losing face. Political sources said Mr. Hariri had already decided to go back to work on the basis of

a compromise solution to his dispute with President Elias Hrawi and Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri. But be still wanted to find a face-saving formula for ending

the protest, political sources said on Saturday. The sources said Mr. Hariri wanted simply to end the protest as he began it last Sunday by resuming work without any

But Mr. Hrawi and Mr. Berri wanted a reconciliation meeting at the presidential pelace followed by an official announcement that Mr. Harir-i's controversial strike was

As the deadlock lengthened nn Saturday Mr. Hariri travelled nnexpectedly to Damascus - apparently to discuss the problem with Syrian

Pro-Hariri sources said the hillionaire prime minister might announce a return to work after talks in Damascus, boping that credit for the solution would go to the Syrians rather than Mr. Berri or Mr.

However, other political sources said the Syrians, who hae 35,000 troops in Lebanon and are the country's main power brokers, were upset by Mr. Hariri's sudden decision to stop work last Sunday and have refused so far to intervene directly in the dispute.

The Syrian leaders believed politicians had no right to strike and considered Mr. Hariri's action prejudicial to Lebanon, the sources said.

They were also concerned that the crisis caused a run on the central bank to sell at least \$200 million during the week to hold the local currency

steady. Sources close to Mr. Berri said the protest had backfired into a considerable political setback for Mr. Hariri, who tried and failed to force through his demand for limited

cabinet changes.

Mr. Hariri wanted to add four members to the 30-man cabinet anad reshuffle some

His aim was to bring in two heavyweight Christian politicians to placate the angry Christian minority whose lead-ers have accused the Syrianbacked government of bias and discrimination against them since they emerged weakened from the 1975-90 civil war.

Mr. Hariri also wanted to increase the cohesion and efficiency of the cabinet in the response to widespread criticism that his post-war reconstruction programme is going too slowly and producing too few immediately visible re-

However, Mr. Hrawi and Mr. Berri blocked Mr. Hariri's proposed reshaffle, saying what was needed was sweeping cabinet changes requiring the approval of the president and a parliamentary vote of approv-

King pays

(Continued from page 1)

they would achieve their national aspirations and underlined the importance of Inrdanian-Palestinian coordination in the Middle East peace process.

The head of the delegation delivered an address in which he expressed condolences and sympathy over the death of the Queen Mother and commended the leadership of King Hussein and the Hashemite

He also expressed the support of his community for the King in his endeavours to achieve peace and settle the Arab-Israeli conflict.

A member of the delegation recited a poem lauding the King's leadership and his support for the Palestinian people. The meeting was attended by Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Chief Chamberiain Prince Ra'ad Ben Zeid,

the King's advisors, Minister of

State Adel Irsheid and Direc-

tor of the Palestinian Affairs

Department Asem Ghosheh.



policemen on Saturday carry the coffin of Ammar Al Shawa, a 11-year-old, who was killed accidentally while playing with a gun during

Bank town (AFP photo)

Gunmen kill 12 in S. Africa's worst post-election violence

JOHANNESBURG (R) -Gunmen massacred 12 people in Johannesburg's vola-tile East Rand township of Tokoza, scene of past clashes between rival African National Congress (ANC) and Inkatha factions, police said on Saturday.

Police said there was no indicatinn so far of a motive for the killing, the worst single incident of violence since South Africa elected its first hlack majority government, led by Nelson Mandela's ANC, at the end of April.

Police spokeswoman Captain Janine Smith said 10 youths were killed in a deserted house and two more bodies were found close to the home.

The bodies lay undisturbed for over 17 hours and were discovered during a routine patrol by soldiers of the newly-formed South African National Defence Force.

Troops meanwhile raided three hostels in the area and seized an assortment of weaponry including 13 AK-47 automatic assault rifles and two rocket launchers.

The bostels were residences of Znln migrant workers, traditional supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) led by Chief has been appointed minister of home affairs in the new government of national nuity, led by the ANC.

In Ulundi, Mr. Buthelezi urged supporters Saturday to make peace with political rivals to underpin democracy and development.

"Go ont and break down the barriers that divide you from your political oppo-nents," declared Mr. Buthelezi.

."Go out and spread the word of peace and reconciliation," be told over 2,000 spirited followers at a rally called to celebrate the election triumph of his IKP in its Kwazniu-Natal stronghold. Mr. Buthelezi said vio-

lence would scare off investors and retard development in Kwazulu-Natal where Inkatha and ANC supporters have battled for over a de-

More than 10,000 people have died and thousands have been left homeless in the turf war which tore communities apart.

"There can be no economie development in the region until we achieve peace. No businessman will want to invest in this region if his life is in danger. No investors will want to build factories if their factories are going to be burned down," Mr. burned down, Buthelezi said. "It is np to yon to make peace."

He told youths in particu lar the would have to overcome hustility in black townships and rural areas. "We will have to work at

political reconciliation if we are to end up with a national will to make democracy work for the benefit of the peo-ple," Mr. Buthelezi added.

He said South Africa's new coalition government faced a difficult task, adding that the politics of the dominant ANC partner differed in many respects from In-

"And yet, through this socalled government of national unity, we have to operate together jointly as a cabinet. It is not going to be easy," he warned. But be assured Mr. Mandela of his cooperation.

Mr. Buthelezi made it clear the IFP's election win in Kwazulu-Natal meant "the government of Kwazulu-Natal is an IFP government. "The future of this region

in relation to everything that has still to be settled can only be settled with the full agreement of the IFP and its leadership.

Mr. Buthelezi turned to his demand for a stronger feder-al system than the ANC is prepared to endorse, saying: The struggle for freedom and federalism has just be-"Federalism will nnly

allow us to be roled by the leaders of our region and not by Pretoria. Under federalism our leader will be someone who lives in our region and who therefore understands our needs."

Christopher to visit **Jericho**

JERICHO, occupied West-Bank (R) - U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher is expected to visit Palestinianruled Jericho on Tuesday during a Middle East tour, a Palestinian official said on

Saturday. Saeb Erekat, a Jericho resident named to the Palestinian authority which will administer Gaza and Jericho, told Reuters that Mr. Christopher would be the first foreign secretary to

visit the antonomous areas.

Mr. Christopher's shuttle
will focus on stalemated Israel-

Syria peace negotiations.
U.S. officials said earlier this week that Mr. Christopher was likely to travel to Damascus from Geneva on Sunday, go to Israel probably on Monday evening and return to Washington on Tuesday. They did not rule out one other stop

in the region.
The United States was the key mediator in the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) accord signed on

Palestinian and U.S. security personnel were already planning for Mr. Christopher's visit, Dr. Erekat said. He is scheduled to meet Palestinian leaders at police headquarters in the town.

Israel transferred authority tn a Palestinian police force in Jericho. The army has also handed over large parts of the Gaza Strip to the PLO police this week.

Syria urges U.S. pressure Syria nrged the United

States on the eve of the Christopher visit to Damascus to put pressure on Israel to accept full withdrawal from the Golan

Heights.

It renewed its rejection of partial deals and said only a enmprehensive settlement based on U.N. resolutions and the land for peace principle could bring peace to the re-

The official daily Al Thawra said Mr. Christopher could break a deadlock in the Syrian-Israeb talks if he pressured Israel to accept withdrawal, "Washington should play

the role of a full broker and bnnest mediator and force Israel to accept full withdrawal from the Golan, and the rest of the Arab lands, to guarantee success for Christopher's tour," the newspaper said.

On requests for air time on

me" carried nn JTV, Mr.

Hammad said that he ex-

plained that since the parties

have their own newspapers

they could work to "provide

something different" in those

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He said that the secretary-

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were vying for equal time.

Miami robbers fleece tourists aboard bus

MIAMI (R) - Five Norwe

gian tourists were robbed and one was slightly injured by a pair of robbers who boarded the airport shuttle bus that was driving them to their hotel early Friday, police said. One of the robbers punched a Norwegian woman in the face with his fist, police Detective Marie Duboulay said. "She did suffer minor injuries and she is okay," Ms. Duboulay said. The robbery was the latest in a series of well-publicised attacks on foreign tourists to this southeastern state, which has campaigned to assuage the fears of overseas visitors. The hotel shuttle bus picked up the five Norwegians at Miami International Airport about 12:45 a.m. edt (1645 GMT). police said. Two "very well dressed" men in their 20s also boarded the bus at the airport, she said. "One black male pointed a gun at the driver and ordered him to drive on Highway 836. The other hlack men started to remove property. from the other passengers," Ms. Duboulay said. The robbers ordered the driver to stop about two miles (3.2 km) east of the airport and fled on foot. police said. They were still at large. After meeting with police, the Norwegians spent the night at an undisclosed. botel, then boarded the ship Nordic Empress for a Caribbean cruise as planned. The Norwegian consul in Miami, Odd Holm, said the visitors were robbed of jewelry, cash and some of their luggage. Two also lost their passports. He described them as young people who were in good spirits despite the ordeal. "They were just concerned about getting off on their cruise and getting a new passport from us," Mr. Holm said.

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Chief constable caught in speeding # crackdown

LONDON (R) - A police crackdown on speeding on a road in central England caught an unlikely offender - the officer in charge of the country's police force. Keith Povey. chief constable of Leicester shire, was fined £350 (\$520) and banned from driving for a week, a police spokesman said. Chief Povey, 51, was caught driving at 80 miles per hour (130 km per hour) in February on a stretch of road with a limit of 50 miles an hour (80 km per hour), where his force began a crackdown on speeding just days before. "He was caught by a speed trap camera on road junction 21 on a roadway in Leicestershire," the spokes-woman said. Chief Povey's solicitor David Thomas said the chief constable suffered a momentary lapse of concentra-

Magnate's companion gets \$84m

SANTA ANA, Calif. (R) - A.

jury awarded \$84 million to a

woman who lived with the

founder of the company that makes the popular Mag-Lite flashlights. The eight-woman, four-man panel in the lawsnit in Santa Ana Superior Court ruled that Tony Maglica, who lived with Claire Halasz for 23 years, had breached his fiduciassociations by politicising bodies that should be working ary duty to the woman. The award capped a six-week trial that was followed by a national television audience on court TV. Ms. Halasz, 60, had claimed that she and Mr. Maglica, an immigrant from Croatia, had an oral agreement that entitled her to half of his possessions. She had sought half of Mr. Maglica's Ontario, California flashlight manufacturing business, which her lawyers valued at \$400 million. Ms. Halasz contended that she began helping Mr. Maglica develop his flashlight company, Mag Instruments Inc, in 1974. Mr. Maglica, 64, countered that Ms. Halasz signed an agreement in 1976 promising not to seek any of his assets. The jury voted 10-2 in Ms. Halasz's favour, one more than is necessary in a civil lawsuit. The panel ruled that the property agreement Mr. Magica alleged Ms. Halasz signed was unenforceable and lacked the element of consent. Although Mr. Maglica and Ms. Halasz were never married, she used his last name. The two split up in 1992 after Ms. Halasz discovered that Mr. Maglica planned to will company stock to children he has from a past

marriage.

Eased rules based on right of return sovernor's office to avoid "cri-

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and amended to go along with the developments across the He said that if Jordan con-

tinues to receive guarantees that protect the Palestinians' rights of staying in their homeland, "Jordan may feel that there will be no need for the department of inspection and control."

The department was estab-lished in 1982 as the authority at the Ministry of Interior directly in charge of the affairs of West Bank citizens and those carrying family reunification papers for the occupied

Mr. Hammad pointed out that the new crossing measures, issued at the instructions . of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan when he met with the secretary-generals of the different ministries two weeks ago, are a mix of easing up of measures adopted in 1988, when Jordan severed leg-al and administrative ties with the West Bank, and others that

were taken since then. He said that one of the procedures that was stopped by the new regulations was taking travellers' documents at the bridge to make them visit the inspections and control department to follow up on their

"We initially took these measures when Israel allowed only 10,000 to 15,000 Palestiman labourers, out of around 120,000 to work in Israel." Mr. Hammad explained.

"Israel at that time started giving young Palestinians exit permits but after making them sign a commitment and to return for number of years," Mr. Hammad said, pointing out that Jordan's measure at the time was to guard against Palestinian youth running away to better working conditions only to find that they had

lost their right of return. He said the Ministry of Interior had already prepared studies nn ways to facilitate the crossings of the King Hussein Bridge in anticipation of any improvement on the Palesti-"When His Royal Highness

raised the issue with us we

were prepared to take the

necessary steps." Mr. Hammad said.

"We announced the easing up of procedures at the bridge but we continued to guard the principle that has always guided us and that is to protect the rights of the Palestinians," be said. "We want our procedures to be humane and civilised," he added.

Election law

Mr. Hammad told the group nf journalists that his ministry had prepared the "administrative and technical mechanism" for a new election law but had not yet prepared a draft for the division of vnter districts or the number of parliamentary seats, which, he said, "will be deter-mined by the final arrangements for civil districts."

"We do not knnw yet whether the Kingdom will be treated as one voting district or whether it will follow the division of civil districts," Mr. Hammad said.

He also said that anyone who enjoys a Jordanian nationality "will be allowed to vote regardless of his origin and whether he is residing in Jordan nr ontside."

In answer to a specific questinn on wbether Jordanian nationals who also earry Palestinian reunification papers — which amount to a residency in the occupied territories - will be allowed to vote in the next elections, Mr. Hammad stressed that those who "carry the Jordanian nationality will be able to vote regardless of where they reside and those in the West Bank are no exception if they carry the Jordanian nationality."

He pointed out that this excludes bolders of the two-year passports since that passport is a travel document and not proof of nationality.

He said that the new "administrative and technical" amendments include allowing citizens to register according to their national numbers given to them by the Civil Service Commission and not by their family books as had been the practice in the 1989 elections.

An important amendment to the Elections Law, Mr. Hammad said, is that the voting and the vote count will be conducted at the same centre and

representative who will stay in ballots will not be moved to the touch with the ministry over ticism or unfounded charges" information requests," he said. nf foul play. Other amend-Jordan Television or the incluments include an extension on sion of their papers' editorials the registration period to three months from 15 days. on the "press briefs program-

He said that the principle of finding a mechanism which will allow Jurdanian expatriate communities to vote in their area of residence is being studied, but that the final decision over "whether registration has to be made in Jordan or whether it can be done in Jurdanian embassies ontside has not been reached." On his meeting he had with the heads of political parties in

the Kingdom last Thursday, Mr. Hammad said that the two and a half hour encounter served to "strengthen the relationship between the Ministry of Interior and the secretary generals of political parties." He said that some of the participants asked that the government "belp allocate funds

for the operations of political parties," while some others argued against the concept. "I asked them to put their request in a memorandum signed by all of them and that I

would carry their request to the government," Mr. Ham-The minister also pledged to provide the political parties

with any information they need on agreements signed by Jnrdan or protocols with other countries.

"Each party will appoint a

Yemenis fight; Somalis killed

Saturday.

for the Coordination between Parties and the Masses, Organisations and Nationalists in Aden had sent a message tn the league urging it to protect "towns and citizens against all

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acts of aggression." The league should intervene to see that a reconciliation accord signed in Amman in February between the two parties is implemented, added the

The Arab League delegation has hopes to deliver a call from the league's secretary general. Esmat Abdul Meguid, for an immediate ceasefire. A northern spokesman in

Sanaa said the meeting was

finally likely to take place on

Earlier southern military. officials said their warplanes were mounting raid after raid on the Daleh reginn, where correspondents saw seven northern soldiers dead nn the side of the road, just five kilometres from the village. Hundreds of residents have

fled Daleb and surrounding villages, seeking safety in Aden. Clashes were also taking

place in the Abyan region, east of Aden, but fighting had eased in Kharaz, nn the coast 120 kilometres to the west of the city.

The ruler of Bahrain, Isa

Ben Salman Al Khalifa, Satur-

day joined the ceasefire calls

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